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MARC RANKIN

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U.S. Army veteran Marc Rankin, from St. Joseph, is one of about 20 volunteers who transports veterans to the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Battle Creek.

The warrior route

Rankin takes veterans to and from VA medical center

Marc Rankin donates his time regularly to transport veterans to the federal Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Battle Creek. Rankin, 68, of St. Joseph, is one of about 20 volunteers who drive a van for the program, helping veterans who would otherwise might have no way to get to their medical appointments. Retired from Berrien Springs Public Schools, where he worked in building and grounds maintenance, Rankin makes the 136-mile round trip from Benton Harbor several times a month, making stops to pick up vets on a route that follows I-94.

On occasion he's made the trip twice in a day. An Army veteran who served 1963-69, he has driven for the program for about five years. The program is a cooperative effort of the Disabled American Veterans, which provides vans, the Berrien County Veterans Service office and the VA.

He said down with Staff Writer Scott Aiken.

What got you interested in being a volunteer driver?

My wife was going to college at LMC, studying the arts. She befriended a lady. Her husband was a tax preparer out in the Sodus area. When he retired he decided he wanted to become a volunteer driver for the VA. His name was Larry Schoene. He passed away a short time after his volunteer service started. During the funeral, Barb (Schoene's wife) had mentioned that his heart was really into it, so that's how I got into it. I wanted to keep his name out there. He basically was my inspiration for doing it.

What makes you stay with it?

The people that are involved. My comrades, a lot of them are pretty destitute. VA doesn't really have much in this area for them. The clinic doesn't do a lot in Benton Harbor as far as major things. So we take them to Battle Creek in order to get glasses, and dental work and hearing. I call it the middle management area because what (the Benton Harbor) clinic doesn't do, they have to, like fill prescriptions. ...

(The program) not only saves the veterans money and wear and tear on their vehicles, if they drive, but it gives them a way to get there, for the people who don't drive.

People keep most of us going. It's not just me. It's a lot of the other volunteers. They put themselves out there for their comrades and their brothers.

How many veterans make the trip on an average day?

To average it out probably five to seven. Some days I have a full load of five to seven. When we had the other (nine-passenger) van we filled that up several times. The need was seen by Berrien County and the veterans services a few years back. If it wasn't for the Berrien County commission and the veterans services, we wouldn't have a van here for our soldiers, for our disabled vets. They had to totally rely on their own transportation whether it be family or bus or train.

Do you find this work rewarding?

It is self-gratifying to a point. You don't want to leave your fellow comrades behind. I've been somewhat left out in the open by our veterans processes anyway, so I know how they feel. I hate to see somebody go a month or two without medicine, and it takes so long to get an appointment up there at times. I'm surprised that Battle Creek, and as far as I'm concerned, Ann Arbor (VA hospital) the same thing, they try to keep things above board. I really can't complain about their services. It's just the length of time between appointments.

That's why they've called me in (to drive) on emergency mode. Either somebody needed to get there or somebody needed to be brought back.

Do you need special training to participate as a driver?

They do train you. It's not really a weekly or monthly or bi-monthly training process. I had to ride twice with a driver that was established to get the feel of the route and the stops. We had to take a little classroom, like you would in driver training. They do have specifics that you need to go through. Once every year we have follow-up.

What are your interests when you're not doing volunteer work?

I do maintenance, small engine repair. I do odds and ends. I'm what they call at jack of all trades and master of none. I've gone in and helped some of my neighbors who needed help, the seniors. The seniors can really get ripped off (trying to get services). And I go in occasionally when I'm needed.

Anyone interested in volunteering to drive in the veterans transportation program is asked to call 983-711, Ext. 8118.

Wolf: Money not the driver in property sale

County wants best use for health dept. location

By JOHN MATUSZAK
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Money won't be the only factor considered when Berrien County sells its property where the health department now operates, Administrator Bill Wolf told the Board of Commissioners Thursday.

Officials will be looking at what's best for the community and Benton Harbor, Wolf said.

The health department's main offices will be moving from 796 Pipestone Road to a former car dealership at I-94 and Napier Avenue that is being renovated.

The move is expected to take place in February.

The department's environmental health services division, located on M-139, will also be moving to the Napier location.

That property, in a commercial zone of Benton Township, will be sold, as well. Health department offices in Niles will remain in place.

Wolf said that three lots on Pipestone, in a largely residential area, will be consolidated into one parcel.

A house on the property will be torn down. The property was appraised at $315,000 in 2011.

Wolf expects a lot of interest, particularly from churches and nonprofit organizations, as well as for-profit buyers.

Bids will not be evaluated by price alone, Wolf told commissioners.

Offers will be considered based on such factors as how many jobs could be created, the amount to be invested, and the number of families that could be helped, he said.

Those scrutinizing the bids will look at affiliated organizations, and will request audited financial statements and tax information.

An organization or company buying the property will have to maintain their stated use for a set period of time.

Wolf said he doesn't want to see the property changing hands and then becoming an apartment building, if that wasn't the original intention.

The buyer also will have to put their project into use in a set time period.

The county will conduct two tours of the buildings, which include the main headquarters, for potential buyers, Wolf said.

The deadline for bids will be Jan. 21. At that time, the Board of Commissioners will be able to review the bids and make a decision.

The $3.2 million renovation project on Napier will put health department employees from five sites under one roof, the first time that has happened in almost 40 years.

The 28-acre site will also be home to a new Animal Control shelter and barn.

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Killer of NYC officers had long criminal history

By TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The gunman who fatally ambushed two police officers in their squad car had a long criminal record, a hatred for police and the government and an apparent history of mental instability that included an attempt to hang himself a year ago, authorities said Sunday.

Moments before opening fire, Ismaaiyl Brinsley approached people on the street and asked them to follow him on Instagram, then told them, "Watch what I'm going to do," Chief of Detectives Robert Boyce said.

A portrait of the Brooklyn-born gunman emerged as big-city police departments and union leaders around the country warned officers to change up their routines and insist on extra backup a day after Brinsley carried out what he portrayed online as retaliation for the slayings of black men at the hands of white police.

Brinsley was black; the slain officers were Asian and Hispanic.

Investigators were trying to determine if Brinsley had taken part in any protests over the deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner, whose names he invoked in his online threat, or simply latched on to the cause for the final act in a violent rampage.

They said he traveled frequently between the South and New York, where he fathered a child in Brooklyn, and had been in the city earlier in the week.

Brinsley, 28, had at least 19 arrests in Georgia and Ohio, spent two years in prison for gun possession and had a troubled childhood so violent that his mother was afraid of him, police said. He ranted online about police and the government and expressed "self-despair and anger at himself and where his life was," Boyce said.

Boyce said Brinsley's mother believed he had undiagnosed mental problems and may have been on medication at some point, but detectives were still trying to determine if he had a mental illness.

On Saturday afternoon, Brinsley approached a squad car from behind in Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant section and fired four shots, killing Officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu. He then ran into a subway station and committed suicide.

Hours earlier, Brinsley had shot and wounded his ex-girlfriend at her home outside Baltimore, then made threatening posts online, including a vow to put "wings on pigs" and references to the Brown and Garner cases.

Baltimore-area police warned the New York department that Brinsley was in the city and bent on violence. But New York police were still getting the word out when Brinsley struck.

The slayings dramatically escalated tensions that have simmered for months over police killings of blacks.

Seth Wenig / AP

Police officers leave candles at an impromptu memorial near the site where two New York City police officers were killed in the Brooklyn borough of New York, Sunday

The siege mentality was evident in several memos circulating among the rank and file at the 35,000-officer New York Police Department, the nation's largest.

A union-generated message warned police officers that they should respond to every radio call with two cars – "no matter what the opinion of the patrol supervisor" – and not make arrests "unless absolutely necessary." The president of the detectives union told members in a letter to work in threes when out on the street, wear bullet-proof vests and keep aware of their surroundings.

"Cowards such as yesterday's killer strike when you are distracted and vulnerable," the letter read.

Another directive warned officers in Newark, New Jersey, not to patrol alone and to avoid people looking for confrontations. At the same time, a memo from an NYPD chief asked officers to avoid fanning rage by limiting comments "via all venues, including social media, to expressions of sorrow and condolence."

The slayings come at a tense time. Police nationwide are being criticized for months for their tactics, following Garner's death in a New York officer's chokehold and Brown's fatal shooting in Ferguson, Missouri. Protests erupted in recent weeks after grand juries declined to charge the officers involved.

Lotteries

Sunday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
AC-QS-KS-7C-8S
Midday Daily 3
1-4-9
Midday Daily 4
3-8-8-0
Daily 3
4-8-4
Daily 4
8-9-9-3
Fantasy 5
09-27-28-31-32
Keno
01-07-10-11-12-13-16-24-28-34-39-40-41-43-44-48-52-60-61-67-69-76
Mega Millions jackpot
$142 million
Powerball jackpot
$100 million

Illinois

Hit or Miss Midday
01-04-05-06-07-08-11-12-17-19-20-24, GLN : 4
Hit or Miss Morning
03-04-08-09-10-11-13-14-17-18-19-20, GLN : 5
Lucky Day Lotto Midday
13-27-32-34-45
Pick Three-Midday
5-6-7, Fireball: 3
Pick Four-Midday
6-8-9-1, Fireball: 2

Saturday evening drawings

Powerball lotto
14-15-19-31-56
Powerball
5, Power Play: 5

Indiana

Cash 5
02-12-17-29-35
Poker Lotto
QS-7C-4S-6S-7S
Daily Three-Evening
8-5-2
Daily Four-Evening
0-3-3-1
Quick Draw Evening
02-08-14-18-20-21-23-35-41-45-47-48-57-60-61-62-64-68-79-80
Hoosier Lotto
21-23-32-33-43-44

Illinois

Hit or Miss Drive
04-05-08-09-10-11-12-16-18-22-23-24, GLN : 4
Hit or Miss Evening
01-03-04-05-07-08-10-12-13-19-21-23, GLN : 1
Lotto
27-35-38-41-42-52, Extra Shot: 22
Lucky Day Lotto Midday
07-16-28-37-38
Pick Three-Evening
2-6-6, Fireball: 7
Pick Four-Evening
6-1-7-7, Fireball: 6
Lucky Day Lotto
10-13-25-42-44

– The Associated Press

Pope's role in Cuba deal fractures Cuban-American flock

By MATT SEDENSKY
Associated Press

MIAMI — The key role Pope Francis played encouraging talks between Presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro left fractures among his flock in South Florida, where many older Roman Catholics equate the Castro brothers with the devil.

Many Catholics worldwide have expressed pride in seeing Francis stirring hopes of progress in communist Cuba, but some Cuban-Americans say their spiritual leader betrayed them.

"I'm still Catholic till the day I die," said Efrain Rivas, a 53-year-old maintenance man in Miami who was a political prisoner in Cuba for 16 years. "But I am a Catholic without a pope."

Rivas said he cried when Obama surprisingly announced a reversal of a half-century's efforts to isolate Cuba. Then, when he learned of Francis' role, he got angry.

Miami Archbishop Thomas Wenski acknowledged that some Catholics are "concerned or suspicious," but said many more exiles welcome the breakthrough, despite their suffering.

"The pain is real, but you can't build a future on top of resentments," Wenski told The Associated Press in an interview.

The Vatican has been reaching out to Cuba at least since Pope John Paul II, who declared during his historic 1998 visit to the island, "May Cuba, with all its magnificent potential, open itself up to the world, and may the world open itself up to Cuba." Discussions continued under Pope Benedict XVI, who visited Cuba in 2012. And Francis, the first Latin American pope, has advocated for an end to the U.S. embargo since participating in John Paul's visit to Cuba as the soon-to-be-named Cardinal of Buenos Aires.

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He's makin' his list, checkin' it twice

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Dylan Walsh, 8, and his sister, Elena Walsh, 5, from St. Joseph, visit with Santa Saturday at Santa's House in downtown St. Joseph.

In brief

Dowagiac FD promotes Bundy

DOWAGIAC — Dowagiac Firefighter Chad Bundy has been promoted to lieutenant, the city announced.

BUNDY

Public Safety Director Steven Grinnewald said Bundy has served the Dowagiac Fire Department for four years and is also a volunteer firefighter with the Pokagon Volunteer Fire Department.

Bundy recently completed his State of Michigan Fire Officer Level II certification, one of many qualification requirements for an officer position in the Dowagiac department, Grinnewald said.

The training involves 170 hours above that of a firefighter, in the areas of leadership, strategies and tactics, incident safety, educational methodology and more, Grinnewald said.

Man in Santa suit shoots 2 at gas station

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit police says that a man in a Santa suit is behind bars after shooting two men during a confrontation at a downtown gas station.

Officer Adam Madera says the men got in an argument about 2 a.m. Sunday over "Santa's girlfriend, Mrs. Claus."

Madeira says one of the other men ran to his car, and the 26-year-old man in the Santa suit apparently feared the other man was going to get a gun, so he opened fire.

The officer says the man in the Santa suit shot one man in the chest and the other in the hand. He says both 29-year-olds are expected to recover.

Madeira tells The Detroit News and WWJ-AM that two off-duty officers chased the shooter and pointed him out to a uniformed officer, who arrested him.

Agents wound armed Canadian

DETROIT (AP) — U.S. authorities say that border agents shot and wounded an armed Canadian man as he walked toward an inspection station on the Ambassador Bridge between Detroit and Windsor, Ontario.

A U.S. Customs and Border Patrol representative says it happened about 3 a.m. Sunday on the U.S. side of the bridge.

Kris Grogan says in a statement that the man "stopped his car before approaching the inspection booth, exited his vehicle and started walking towards the primary inspection lanes waving a handgun."

Grogan says officers ordered the man to drop the gun, but he refused. Grogan says the officers shot and wounded the man, who was treated at a hospital and then jailed.

Grogan says the man "is a citizen of Canada and has had previous encounters with Canadian law enforcement."

The statement says that the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Office of Internal Affairs and Detroit police are investigating.

Van burns after crash, killing driver

GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP (AP) — Authorities say a van and an SUV collided in northern Michigan, causing the van to catch fire and killing its driver.

Clare County Sheriff John S. Wilson says emergency crews airlifted the other driver to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Wilson says the crash happened about 5:45 p.m. Saturday in Greenwood Township. It's in the northern Lower Peninsula, about 25 miles north of Mount Pleasant.

The sheriff said 53-year-old Sidney Curns of Harrison was trapped in the burning van and died.

Wilson says that 53-year-old Richard Randall of Harrison was driving the SUV. Munson Medical Center said Sunday that it couldn't provide any information on his condition.

South Berrien development agency adds Cass

Move prompted by LaGrow's post with BH schools

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

The Southwestern Michigan Economic Growth Alliance is adding Cass County to its turf, teaming up with the Cass County Economic Development Corp., the parties announced.

SMEGA, long a force in southern Berrien County, will provide economic development services to all of Cass County except for Dowagiac, SMEGA Executive Director Joe Sobieralski said. SMEGA has served southern Berrien County from Niles to Three Oaks.

Sobieralski said the partnership came about after Cynthia LaGrow was appointed consent agreement consultant for the Benton Harbor Area Schools last month. LaGrow and her company, LaGrow Consulting, had provided economic development services for the Cass County organization for the last two years.

LaGrow said she enjoyed working for the Cass County Economic Development Corp. She said that more than $50 million worth of investment was made during her tenure and 350 jobs were created.

Sobieralski said SMEGA will continue to provide the services it always has, just in a bigger area. The organization's mission is to help area businesses and industry in retention and expansion and to attract new companies.

"We help companies that are here through services such as processing tax abatements," he said. "We visit with companies on a regular basis to see if they need any assistance, and we connect them with the proper resources. We act as a liaison with the business community. We also answer all requests for proposals for attraction projects."

He said he and SMEGA are excited to work with the Cass County organization.

Sobieralski has been SMEGA executive director for two years. He has been Bangor city manager and Stevensville village manager. He also interned and served as a project manager for SMEGA.

SMEGA got its start over 25 years ago as Niles and Buchanan area economic development agency.

Officials dealt with the loss of major industries such as Kawneer and Clark Equipment. The organization remains a public-private partnership between area governments and area businesses and industries.

Face-lift

Vickie Phillipson photo

Nick Fryman of Decatur installs new siding on the front of the Curves building in downtown Dowagiac. Linda Preston is one of eight downtown property owners who applied to the Dowagiac Downtown Development Authority this year for its Facade Incentive & Architectural Design Services Program. According to Vickie Phillipson, DDA program director, the funding phase provides a matching-funds incentive of up to $2,000 to building owners of single storefronts who renovate the front facade of their building. Twin storefronts are eligible to receive up to $3,000. The incentive is based upon a 50 percent matching-fund basis. Property owners who would like further information on the program should call the DDA at 782-8212.

Delton couple sells rights to preserve 300 acres

DELTON(AP) — A Delton couple has protected 300 acres of land in Barry County by selling their developmental rights to the state.

Karl and Dana Smith own the sprawling parcel of land that's now permanently preserved through the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy. The land has remained undeveloped for nearly 70 years and contains two lakes, swampland, forests and creeks.

"(The land) is beautiful," Karl Smith said. "It has the lakes, the swamp and woods, a lot of rare birds, turkey and deer."

The Smith property is the fifth-largest to be preserved in the region, said Emily Wilke, the organization's conservation projects manager.

"The property is 1/3 wetland or lake and contains 100 acres of open water and a pristine creek system," Wilke said. "Any block of land like this with significant wetlands is going to be a high priority (for conservation)."

In order to preserve the land, the couple sold its developmental rights to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, she said. The department will mandate how much of the land can be developed in order to maintain the quality of the region's stream system, the Kalamazoo Gazette (http://bit.ly/1v94dyh) reported.

The department will fund a conservation easement of the property to determine where and how the land can be developed for years to come, Wilke said.

"There will only be one house on the 300 acres," Wilke said. "There are other (conservation) rules in place to ensure the property doesn't degrade over time. For example, if anyone wanted to go cut down some trees they'd have to follow forestry guidelines and do it in a way that's sustainable."

Wilke said the Smiths are true conservationists for giving up three-fourths of the value of their development rights.

The conservancy is dedicated to preserving land throughout nine counties in the southwestern part of the state. Wilke says the organization has protected nearly 13,000 acres of land since 1991.

Roll Call

House Bill 6074, Bar college athletes from unionizing: Passed 25 to 11 in the Senate.

To establish that college student athletes are not considered public employees subject to unionization under a law that mandates schools and local governments must engage in collective bargaining with government employee unions.

21	Sen. John Proos, IV	R - St. Joseph	Y

House Bill 4576, Regulate federal health care law navigators: Passed 32 to 6 in the Senate.

To impose regulation and a certification requirement on the navigators authorized by the federal health care law to help people applying for government-subsidized health insurance benefits through exchanges. The bill authorizes background checks, testing and training requirements.

21	Sen. John Proos, IV	R - St. Joseph	Y

House Bill 4480, Require more corporate & developer subsidy transparency: Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate.

To require the Michigan Strategic Fund and the Michigan Economic Development Corp. to annually submit and post online more detailed reports on the costs and outcomes generated by their various economic development loan, tax break and subsidy programs targeted at specific corporations, developers or industries.

21	Sen. John Proos, IV	R - St. Joseph	Y

Senate Bill 910, Ban enforcement of new wood stove emissions limits: Passed 68 to 41 in the House.

To prohibit Department of Environmental Quality from imposing new state regulations limiting emissions from wood stoves and heaters, or enforcing federal regulations that do this. The bill was introduced as news reports indicated that proposed federal Environmental Protection Agency rules would impose restrictive new limits on wood burning heaters.

59	Rep. Matt Lori	R - Constantine	Y
66	Rep. Aric Nesbitt	R - Lawton	Y
78	Rep. David Pagel	R - Berrien Springs	Y
79	Rep. Al Pscholka	R - Stevensville	Y
80	Rep. Robert Genetski	R - Saugatuck	Y

Senate Bill 791, Revise, make permanent non-transportation 7/8th cent gas tax: Passed 108 to 0 in the House.

To eliminate the 2016 sunset on a 7/8ths cent-per-gallon gas tax that was originally supposed to expire in 1998 and be used to clean up leaking underground fuel tanks, but which has been extended several times and was diverted to other government spending by a 2004 "fund raid." However, the bill would earmark $20 million of the annual revenue of about $50 million from this tax to underground tank cleanups (as originally intended), and add some limits on using money from this tax to support unrelated activities.

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66	Rep. Aric Nesbitt	R - Lawton	Y
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SPECIAL ADVERTISING FEATURE

Consumers rush to get free TV after Supreme Court ruling

U.S. households to get free TV with slick little micro antenna device engineered to pull in all over-the-air TV channels for free as law forces network giants to broadcast all TV signals regionally to all 50 states

Free TV: Crystal clear HDTV picture with no cable, no satellite or internet connection and no monthly bills

NATIONWIDE - Consumers just got handed a really good reason to get rid of cable and satellite bills.

Everyone fed up with high cable and satellite bills, huge channel bundles and poor customer service are now flocking to get a slick little micro antenna device that lets U.S. households watch broadcast TV legally without paying a cable or satellite company for it and no monthly bills.

So much attention is now being focused on this slick little device since the High Court handed down the big win for consumers.

The landmark decision highlights the public's ability to get all the top rated national TV network and regional shows broadcast over the air absolutely free.

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Everyone who does is getting the slick little $88 device at a real steal because it pulls in crystal-clear digital TV channels for free with no monthly bills.

The target audience for the slick little micro antenna device has been young urban professionals who don't want to watch more than 20 or 30 live TV channels. But now older folks are snapping up the slick little device because it's rapidly becoming popular for those on fixed incomes and anyone who just doesn't want to pay a cable or satellite bill anymore.

"When advanced technology enables consumers to just plug in a simple device to get free TV, consumers are the winners," said David Martin, Senior Analyst at CompTek, the company that makes the sleek little micro antenna device that works on virtually any TV.

"This special advertising feature is being so widely published because there's never a monthly bill to pay and all the channels you get are absolutely free," Martin said.

"That's why the slick little device is not like being tied to a cable or satellite company. The device is engineered to access solely over-the-air signals that include all the top rated national and all broadcast stations, like DISNEY (ABC), COMCAST (NBC), CBS, 21st Century FOX (FOX), PBS, CW and about 90% of the most watched TV shows like America's Got Talent, NCIS, The Big Bang Theory, 60 Minutes, The Bachelorette, Blue Bloods, Dateline, Person of Interest, American Idol, The Voice, Dancing With the Stars, CSI, Two and a Half Men, Sunday Night Football plus news, weather and sports all for free with no monthly bills," Martin said.

That means consumers who get the slick little device can channel surf through all the nations top favorite TV shows. The number of shows and channels consumers get depends on where they live. People living in large metropolitan areas can get up to 53 crystal-clear digital channels, while people in outlying areas will get less. That means even consumers in rural areas that pull in NBC, ABC, CBS, FOX and PBS broadcasts will still get hundreds of shows each year to watch for free.

"It's so simple all you do is just plug it into the back of your TV and place the razor thin micro device on a window or wall, then autoscan does all the rest. It works on virtually any model TV and you get a stunning HDTV quality picture," Martin said.

"It just doesn't make any sense to keep paying for TV when you can get all the top rated network channels and hundreds of shows absolutely free," he said.

But there is no time to waste, early reports show the free TV Hotlines are extremely busy.

So, if lines are busy keep trying, all calls will be answered. ■

■ **ON THE WAY:** Lucky U.S. residents who beat the 72-hour order deadline or the 3-day postmark deadline are on the lookout for their postal carrier because thousands of the Clear-Cast brand micro antenna devices are being delivered daily to U.S. households.

■ **FREE TV WITH NO CABLE BILLS:** Thanks to a slick little micro antenna device that plugs into the back of any TV, consumers are getting free crystal-clear digital channels without cable or satellite. Its like getting a new HDTV for free. That's why U.S. residents are flooding the Free TV Hotlines and rushing to the Post Office to return the Free TV Claim Form reprinted at the bottom of this page. Consumers in all 50 states who want to get Free TV with no monthly bills just need to call within 72 hours or beat the 3-day postmark deadline. Consumers should begin calling the free TV Hotlines at 1-888-862-3559 Ext.60548 beginning at 8:30am or be sure the Free TV Claim Form is postmarked by midnight 3 days from today's publication date.

WHO WINS IN SUPREME COURT'S LANDMARK DECISION

WINNERS:

CONSUMERS

Consumers who get a slick little micro antenna device like the razor thin Clear-Cast® brand will get free TV with no monthly bills. The courts ruling emboldens the ability for consumers to legally use the slick little device in their own home to get free TV. The simple device is engineered to pull in nothing but free TV channels in crystal-clear digital picture with no cable, satellite or internet connection. That's why this slick little micro antenna is a real steal at just $88 because it is such a smart alternative for everyone who is sick and tired of paying cable and satellite bills.

NETWORKS AND TV STATIONS

With the victory, all major networks and TV stations get to protect their copyrights, but they must continue to comply with Federal Law 47CFR SEC. 1.4000 which allows consumers who have a slick little micro antenna device to receive all the crystal-clear over-the-air broadcast channels for free. Shown here are a handful of the major networks that must broadcast over the air channels that consumers can receive for free with the slick little micro antenna devices that saves money by not picking up expensive cable only channels like ESPN so there's never a monthly bill for consumers to pay.

Network trademarks and programs are the property of their respective owners and are not affiliated with or endorsing the antenna devices. Consumers report the crystal-clear picture quality with the Clear-Cast brand micro antenna device is the best quality picture they've ever seen.

MOVIE STUDIOS

Hollywood cheered the high court's decision because consumers who have a slick little micro antenna device will receive all of the major network Hollywood movies broadcast over the air for free.

LOSERS:

AEREO

Aereo will likely suspend its business since the court's decision after it developed a way to bootleg major TV network's content. Aereo charged subscribers $8 to $12 a month to lease a dime size remote antenna located in the company's facility.

DEVICE MAKERS

The Computer & Communications Industry Association backed Aereo's position, having concerns that the ruling could be detrimental to other cloud services.

CORD CUTTERS

TV viewers in large cities such as New York, Dallas and Boston who relied on Aereo's service that provided more than two dozen local channels.

SOURCE: COMPTEK 8000 FREEDOM AVE. N. CANTON, OH 44720

TO GET FREE TV CALL: 1-888-862-3559 Ext.60548

THE FREE TV HOTLINES ARE EXTREMELY BUSY. IF YOU COULD NOT GET THROUGH RETURN THE FORM BELOW TO GET FREE TV

RETURN THIS FORM
MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT 3 DAYS FROM TODAY'S PUBLICATION DATE

MAIL TO: National TV Processing Center
P.O. Box 9971 Canton, OH 44711-0971

IMPORTANT: There are no monthly bills with Clear-Cast and all the channels you get are Free. You only need one Clear-Cast brand micro antenna device for each TV that you want Free channels on:

Check One:

☐ **I want Free TV channels for 1 TV:** I am enclosing $88 for **1** Clear-Cast micro antenna and $9 S&H

☐ **I want Free TV channels for 2 TVs:** I am enclosing $132 for **2** Clear-Cast micro antennas and $9 S&H
I get 50% off the 2nd unit

☐ **I want Free TV channels for 3 TVs:** I am enclosing $154 for **3** Clear-Cast micro antennas and $9 S&H
I get 50% off the 2nd unit and 75% off the 3rd unit

Enclosed is: ☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ VISA ☐ Master Card ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover ☐ Debit Card
(Make payable to CompTek)

Credit Card#: _____

Exp. Date: Month / Year

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Prime Time TV

MONDAY EVENING DEC. 22

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Great Christmas Light Fight ((F)) A flame-shooting sleigh. (N) CC				Castle "The Way of the Ninja" CC	
CBS 2 3 22	Entertain-ment Ton.	Big Bang Theory	Mike & Molly (N)	Scorpion A casino job in Las Vegas.		9:59 NCIS: Los Ange-les CC (DVS)	
NBC 5 8 16	Access Hollyw'd	Saturday Night Live "A Saturday Night Live Christmas" Christmas-themed skits. CC				State of Affairs "Mas-querade" (N)	
FOX 17 28 32	Modern Family	Gotham A vigilante targets the corrupt.		Sleepy Hollow CC (DVS)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow "The Boomer Years"		Antiques Roadshow "Phoenix, AZ" CC		Tales from the Royal Bedchamber CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	The iHeartradio Jingle Ball 2014 CC			Whose Line Is It?	News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Big Bang Theory	The Simp-sons
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	House of Payne	House of Payne	We There Yet?	We There Yet?	Family Guy	Raising Hope
WHME 46	M*A*S*H CC	American Legion Christmas		The Harvest Show News and music.		Hart to Heart	Joyce Meyer
WSBT 22	:00 WSBT News at 7	ES.TV CC	ES.TV CC	Dr. Phil CC		News	Dish Na-tion (N)
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 CC		The First 48 "Blood Red; Deadly Moves"		The First 48 CC	
AMC	6:30 Miracle on 34th Street ('47) CC		:45 ★★★ Miracle on 34th Street ('94, Fantasy) Richard Attenborough, Elizabeth Perkins. CC				
Animal	Wild	Wild West Alaska		Wild West Alaska (N)		Wild West Alaska	
BET	I Can Do Bad		:29 ★★ The Family That Preys ('08) CC				
Big Ten	Basket	College Basketball				Finale	Finale
Bravo	Vander-pump	Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules "Mind the Jax" (N)		Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce	
Cartoon	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Cleveland	Cleveland	American	American
Cinemax	Charlie's Angels	★★★★ 12 Years a Slave ('13) Chiwetel Ejiofor, Michael Fassbender. CC				:15 ★★ X-Men: The Last Stand	
CMT	Raising	A Christmas Story 2 ('12, Comedy) Daniel Stern.					Cops Rel.
CNBC	Factories	Shark Tank CC		The Profit		The Profit	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		CNN Special Report		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
CSNC	Pregame	NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Chicago Bulls. (N)					Postgame
Discovery	:00 Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud Finishing the KITT car.		Fast N' Loud: Demoli-tion Theater (N)		Street Outlaws: Full Throttle (N) CC	
Disney	Girl	Jessie CC		Austin	Liv-Mad.	Girl	Dog
DIY	Kit. Crash	Kit. Crash	Kit. Crash	Kit. Crash	Kit. Crash	Kit. Crash	Kit. Crash
E!	E! News	Jason- Lauren		Take the Hamptons		Take the Hamptons	
Encore	Mortal In-struments	★★★ Big Fish ('03, Drama) Ewan McGregor, Albert Finney, Billy Crudup. CC				:10 ★★ Fun With Dick & Jane	
ESPN	C'ntdown	:15 NFL Football Denver Broncos at Cincinnati Bengals. (L)					
ESPN2	College Basketball			College Basketball Wisconsin at California.			
ESPNC	Who's 1?	Who's Number 1?		Who's Number 1?		Who's Number 1?	
Family	Mickey's Christmas	Toy Story	★★★ The Santa Clause ('94) Tim Allen. An adman takes over for fallen Santa.				Toy Story
Food	Grocery	Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive	
Fox News	Record	The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File (N)		Hannity (N)	
Fox Sports	Pistons	Darts		College Basketball			
FX	★★★ 21 Jump Street ('12, Comedy) Jonah Hill. Young cops go under cover as high-school students.					Anger	Anger
G4	Soup	Soup	Soup	Tough	Tough	Tough	Tough
Golf	:00 PGA Tour Golf WGC Accenture Match Play Championship, Finals.						
Hallmark	Help Holidays	★★★ Single Santa Seeks Mrs. Claus ('04) Crystal Bernard.				★★★ Meet the Santas ('05)	
HBO	Unbroken: First	★ That Awkward Moment ('14) Zac Efron. CC			:45 ★★★ Gravity ('13) Sandra Bullock. CC		
History	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn Stars CC	
HGTV	Property	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
Learning	Extreme	The Little Couple		The Little Couple		The Little Couple	
Lifetime	Christmas	Christmas in the City ('13) CC				Crazy for Christmas	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With Chris		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Jersey	Jersey Shore CC		Jersey Shore CC		Jersey Shore CC	
NFL	NFL Total Access		Rewind	Rewind	Rewind	Rewind	Rewind
Nick	Santa	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Prince	Prince
NGEO	Chug (N)	Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper	
Oxygen	White Chicks	★★ Baby Mama ('08, Comedy) Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Greg Kinnear.				:05 ★★ Baby Mama ('08) Tina Fey.	
Showtime	McConkey ('13)	Homeland Carrie and Saul investigate.		The Affair CC		Homeland Carrie and Saul investigate.	
Spike	★★ Safe	★★★ End of Watch ('12) Jake Gyllenhaal.					2 Fast
Starz	6:35 ★★ The Amazing Spider-Man 2 ('14) iTV. CC			★★★ Doc Hollywood ('91) Michael J. Fox, Julie Warner. iTV. CC			
SyFy	CSI: Cri. Scene	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	
TBS	Seinfeld CC	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	American Dad	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Look Window	★★★★ His Girl Friday ('40, Comedy) Cary Grant. CC			:45 ★★★ The Awful Truth ('37) Irene Dunne. CC		
TMC	The Pro-ducers	★★★ Happy-Go-Lucky ('08, Comedy) Sally Hawkins, Alexis Zegerman. CC				★★★ Secrets & Lies ('96) CC	
TNT	:00 Castle	Major Crimes CC		Major Crimes (N)		Major Crimes CC	
Travel	Booze	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Booze Traveler (N)	
TV Land	Walker, Tex. Ranger		FamFeud	FamFeud	Raymond	King	King
USA	Jingle All 2	WWE Monday Night RAW Starring John Cena, Dean Ambrose, Dolph Ziggler, Hulk Hogan and Santa Claus himself. (N) CC					
VH1	Hip Hop	Love & Hip Hop (N)		Sorority Sisters (N)		Love & Hip Hop	
WGN-A	Funny Videos	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met

No need to worry about thumb-sucking in infants

DEAR DOCTOR K: I'm pregnant with my first child. Do you have any advice about whether or not to give my baby a pacifier? Also, is it OK if my baby sucks her thumb?

DEAR READER: My mother told me that when I was a baby I sucked my thumb a lot. And that she pulled it out of my mouth a lot. But since I have absolutely no memory of that, I doubt that it's so.

Anyway, I checked in with my pediatrician colleagues on this question, and here's what they shared. Don't worry if your infant sucks her finger or thumb. You have little control over it, anyway, since those fingers and thumbs are attached to the baby, and babies seem to need to experience the world around them with their mouths.

Sucking a finger or thumb is not a sign of emotional problems, and it does help some babies sleep. Thumb-sucking won't delay your child's language development. And it won't cause any harm to her mouth or teeth if it is stopped by age 4 or 5. Most children give it up on their own well before reaching school age.

If your infant does suck her thumb, make sure she is getting enough to eat. Once you've established that the sucking isn't about food, allow her the comfort of her fingers or thumb.

Dr. Anthony Komaroff

Pacifiers are a little trickier, and many parents struggle with whether to use them. Pacifiers do have some advantages: They satisfy the sucking need, offer comfort and may help some babies sleep.

On the other hand, pacifiers can become a crutch for parents. They can become an easy way to quiet your baby without finding out what the baby wants or trying other forms of comfort. And if you put your baby to bed with one, she might wake up repeatedly when she loses it during the night.

If you decide to use a pacifier, make sure it is all one piece so it cannot break apart and become a choking hazard.

Have several pacifiers on hand so there is always a clean one available, and wash them frequently. Never attach a pacifier to your baby's clothing, crib, playpen or stroller; babies can be strangled by the cord.

Before putting the pacifier into your baby's mouth, try rocking and cuddling the baby, or speaking softly. Sometimes that's the best "pacifying" that a parent can do. If the baby remains fussy after feeding, try burping the baby – that may end the fussiness.

A breast-fed baby should not be given a pacifier until nursing is well established to avoid "nipple confusion." Some pediatricians are not convinced that nipple confusion really is a problem. A pacifier may be most useful in infants 2 to 4 months old. That's when the need to suck is strongest.

Like thumb-sucking, a pacifier should not harm your baby's mouth or teeth if it is discontinued before age 4 or 5. A baby's need for a pacifier should end a long time before that.

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'Dumpee' should stake out high road and not let go

Adapted from a recent online discussion.

HI, CAROLYN: I'm a late bloomer weathering my first breakup, and am genuinely curious to know your take on breakup etiquette, not for the dumper, but for the dumpee. What constitutes good dumpee conduct in terms of what is expressed to the dumper, and when it's expressed? Is the question even relevant when (sometimes justifiably) hurt or angry feelings are involved? – Gracefully Dumped

DEAR DUMPED: The question is at its most relevant when there are hurt or angry feelings involved, since we need far fewer civility guidelines when we're feeling calm and at peace.

It's hard for me to say what "good dumpee conduct" (a fine dark horse for a band-naming contest) looks like for your situation when I don't know what happened between you. But, I think you'll be OK with these general guidelines: saying thank you for any candor that isn't plainly intended to wound; not trying to score points (including but not limited to lashing out, trashing Dumper to anyone who will listen, seeking vengeance); not begging to reconcile; and for the love of bloomers late, prompt or bunched, *never* drunk-dialing. Accept the breakup as fact, and gracefully look forward from there.

RE DUMPED: The best advice I ever got on this was from my best friend's mother: You can act in a way that makes them glad you are gone, or you can act in a way that makes them think of you fondly. Stake out your ground on the high road, and do not let it go. – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Nice, thanks.

RE DUMPED: It is OK, though, to calmly call bull on them if it is justified. For example, the "It's not fair to you"/"I don't have enough time for you"/"You are too good for me" type-lines. It is totally OK to say, "I'm happy in this relationship; if you are not, that is on you. Don't put it on me."

Carolyn Hax

For what it's worth, I was almost always the dumper. The first time I was the dumpee was the greatest, most freeing, least painful breakup I'd ever experienced. It was awesome. I'll take being dumped any day. – Anonymous 2

DEAR ANONYMOUS 2: Understandable, since getting hurt can be far easier to live down than hurting someone else, but it's definitely a your-mileage-may-vary proposition.

RE DUMPEE: Facebook makes the temptation for bad dumpee conduct much greater. If you can, take a break from FB for a couple months, or at least make use of the "I don't want to see this" feature – Anonymous 3

DEAR ANONYMOUS 3: Whenever you're feeling raw and/or impulse-control-challenged, going on a social-media diet makes sense – unless, yes, you make good use of filters.

RE DUMPEE: I would avoid looking to the dumper for validation and closure. Sometimes, a dumper does help you feel like matters are settled. Sometimes – most times, I find – the relationship doesn't feel like it ends with finality. It just stops. Sometimes you have to get closure all by yourself, and I think it's healthy to do so.

Also avoid asking, "Why?" That never ends well, and usually it's just a mix of things, not One Big Thing. – Anonymous 4

DEAR ANONYMOUS 4: Why = other person didn't get what he or she needed and stopped wanting to try. Details merely distract. Thanks, everybody.

Email Carolyn at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon Eastern time each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

Crossword

ACROSS
1 Unexciting
5 Ave. crossers
8 Buzz
11 Lugosi of "Dracula"
12 Contented murmurs
14 Gleeful shout
15 Pond maker (2 wds.)
17 Moo goo — pan
18 Jack, in cards
19 Plunder
21 Reebok rival
23 Hair roller result
24 Kath-mandu's locale
27 "— and Molly"
29 Tie-dyed garment
30 Marching-band need (2 wds.)
34 Gets a move on (3 wds.)
37 Monk's title
38 Errant GI
39 Soup server
41 Gala
43 Bouncy gait
45 Cash in coupons
47 Coffee shop lure
50 How — — doing?
51 Airships
54 XXI times C
55 Dodge City marshal
56 "Stormy Weather" singer
57 Favorite
58 — and Perrins
59 Teller's stack

DOWN
1 Consumer org.
2 Mild onion
3 Actor — Alda
4 Cuban capital
5 Mr. Spock's father
6 Skosh
7 Hoax
8 Comics Viking
9 Orange-and-white rental (hyph.)
10 Damsel
13 Wallops
16 Worse than bad
20 Felt remorse
22 Computer letters
24 — degree
25 Want-ad letters
26 Energy
28 Believer's suffix
30 Scare word
31 Mail addr.
32 Home page addr.
33 "Diamond Lil"
35 Cloy
36 Pluck
39 Trevi Fountain coins, once
40 Moonshot mission
41 "Cherchez la —!"
42 Royal decree
44 Frat letter
45 Incline
46 Ground corn
48 Demeanor
49 Ms. Heche
52 Before, as a prefix
53 Stockholm carrier

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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M	A	R	I	N	O		L	A	U	R	E	L
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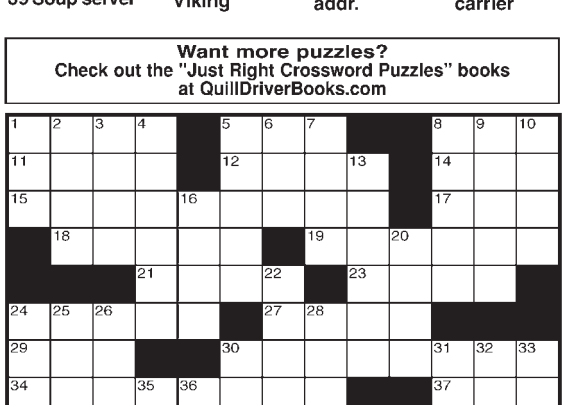

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Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

KEEOV

YORNA

YENOLF

REMHIT

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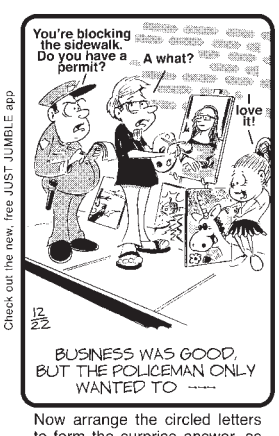
Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app



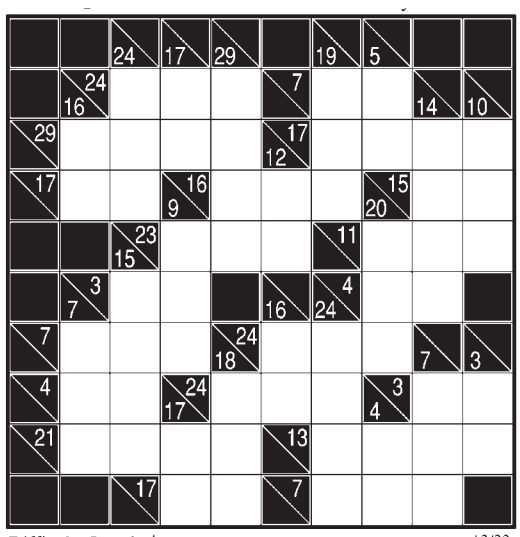
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: CARGO ELOPE BITTER DETACH
Answer: For some people, global warming is a — HEATED TOPIC

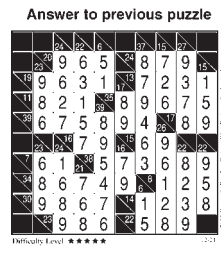
Kakuro



Difficulty Level ★ 12/22

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Answer to previous puzzle



Bridge

Lady Dorothy Nevill, an English horticulturist and hostess who died in 1913, said, "The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right place but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."

For a bridge player, the real art of the game is to leave unplayed the wrong card at the tempting moment.

South is in three no-trump. What should he do after West leads his fourth-highest spade?

Note that North did not use Stayman with 4-3-3-3 distribution. This was even more clear-cut with honors in all of the three-card suits. Four hearts can be made, but requires guessing spades.

South starts with only four top tricks: two spades and two diamonds. He can establish five more winners in hearts and clubs, but might lose too many tricks first.

The original declarer could not resist the spade-finesse temptation at trick one. However, when East produced the queen, the contract could no longer be made. South ducked, but East returned his remaining spade. Then, when West turned up with both of the missing aces, declarer had to lose three spades and those aces for down one.

There was no hurry to take the spade finesse. Declarer should have won the first trick with his spade ace and driven out the heart ace. When West continued with another spade, that was the time for the finesse. Yes, it would have lost, but East would not have had another spade to lead (and if he did, the spades presumably would have been 4-3). South would have been able to win East's diamond shift, drive out the club ace and cruise home.

North 12-22-14
♠ K J 3
♥ K 10 8 7
♦ K 5 2
♣ Q 10 4

West
♠ 10 8 7 6 4
♥ A 5
♦ Q 8 3
♣ A 7 2

East
♠ Q 9
♥ 6 3 2
♦ 10 9 6 4
♣ 9 8 5 3

South
♠ A 5 2
♥ Q J 9 4
♦ A J 7
♣ K J 6

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 6

Sudoku

Difficulty: 2 (of 5)

	4		7				8	1
	7	1				4		2
5		2	4		8			
7			2	4				6
				6		1		
6		4			5		3	
3			5	2				
	6	7			3	9		
			9		4	8		

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

7	3	9	5	1	6	2	4	8
2	1	5	4	7	8	6	9	3
6	4	8	3	2	9	1	7	5
1	6	2	9	5	3	4	8	7
3	9	4	7	8	1	5	6	2
5	8	7	2	6	4	9	3	1
9	5	3	8	4	2	7	1	6
8	7	6	1	9	5	3	2	4
4	2	1	6	3	7	8	5	9

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Ebola fearmongering takes a holiday

Remember Ebola?

Only two months ago, many Americans were gripped by fear of the uncontrollable spread of an apparently incurable disease that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention projected could strike 1.4 million people in West Africa before it came under control.

Doyle McManus

Amid such reports, it took only one case to touch off near-panic inside the United States: that of Liberian Thomas Eric Duncan after he was misdiagnosed by a Dallas hospital.

In the weeks that followed Duncan's death, state and local governments reacted – and sometimes overreacted. Several schools barred teachers and children who had visited African countries that were nowhere near the epidemic.

And then election-year politics kicked in.

Members of Congress, mostly Republicans, warned that Ebola could be carried into the country by illegal immigrants or even terrorists, and demanded a ban on travelers entering the United States from the affected countries. Governors scrambled to draft quarantine regulations.

And now? The crisis is all but forgotten. We've moved on.

The epidemic is ebbing in Liberia, but still spreading in Sierra Leone. The World Health Organization estimates there have been about 18,000 cases, including more than 6,300 deaths: tragic numbers, but far below the apocalyptic scenario once predicted.

Only four cases of the disease have been diagnosed in the United States, two of them in people who contracted the disease in West Africa. And we've learned that when Ebola is identified early, in a country with a functioning health care system, the disease is treatable after all.

"What's the one word you haven't heard a politician say since Election Day?" Democratic strategist James Carville asked me a few weeks ago. "Ebola!"

I'm not blaming ordinary people for reacting as they did to a deadly epidemic they'd been told was difficult to stop.

I'm not even blaming governors who scrambled to impose quarantines to stop the spread of a disease they didn't know much about. Their job was to protect their citizens. And when they discovered that their initial reactions might have been too broad, they pared them back – even Chris Christie.

It's worth remembering, as well, that the Obama administration initially did a ham-handed job of mastering the crisis. Dr. Thomas Frieden of the CDC started out by assuring the country that the situation was under control – even though it wasn't, at first.

But there is one list of politicians who still deserve a measure of scorn: the ones who fanned fear for fear's sake.

Last week, those politicians shared in an award they probably didn't want: the annual "Lie of the Year" prize conferred by PolitiFact, the fact-checking arm of the Tampa Bay Times. They won, the paper said, because they deliberately "produced a dangerous and incorrect narrative" about an important global problem.

The politicians mentioned in this year's citation included Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), an ophthalmologist who may run for president.

His advice on Ebola included this warning: "This is an incredibly contagious disease. People in full gloves and gowns are getting it."

Well, no, as thousands of medical workers in Africa can testify – not when true precautions are in place.

"This is something that appears to be very easy to catch," Paul added. "If someone has Ebola at a cocktail party, they're contagious and you can catch it from them."

Theoretically true – but only if your cocktail party acquaintance is emitting fluids in your direction; Ebola can't be transmitted by air.

Then there was Rep. Phil Gingrey (R-Ga.), another physician, who managed to combine two hot-button issues, Ebola and immigration. Gingrey announced that he had received "reports of illegal migrants carrying deadly diseases such as swine flu, dengue fever and Ebola."

Other members of Congress speculated that terrorists might infect themselves, sneak into the United States and try to spread the disease in crowded places. PolitiFact carefully said it couldn't count that as a lie, since it was mere speculation.

But it was surely intended to increase fear. And fear is a powerful emotion, much easier to provoke than to ease.

So now that the acute fear of Ebola has ebbed, we should pause for a moment to thank some Americans who didn't panic – and, more important, even did something to bring the epidemic closer to an end: the courageous relief workers who went to Africa, not knowing whether they'd be allowed to return home, relief workers that included roughly 3,000 U.S. military personnel who accepted deployment to Liberia as part of their jobs, and whose clinic-building mission will be complete soon. And yes, even those politicians, beginning with President Obama, who didn't panic.

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White House ends year surprisingly upbeat

After a grueling year that cost Democrats the Senate majority, the mood at the White House is remarkably chipper. The hyper-competitive president put post-election points on the board with an executive order on immigration, a historic overhaul of Cuba policy, and a spending bill that, while flawed, managed to fund administration priorities and provide a year of certainty.

Ruth Marcus

Meanwhile, the White House has some happy metrics to cite – and is happy to cite them. The economy has improved dramatically, with an unemployment rate of 5.8 percent and 57 consecutive months of private-sector job growth. And the public is starting to recognize these improvements.

The numbers are similarly good when it comes to health care. After a disastrous rollout of the Affordable Care Act for the 2014 season, sign-ups for 2015 have been relatively glitch-free. Overall, an estimated 10 million people have gained coverage. At the same time, the steep trajectory of health care costs has flattened dramatically.

On judges, the most lasting impact of any president's tenure, Obama has won confirmation of 307 federal judges, including 53 on the courts of appeal. I worried about Senate Democrats' deployment of the "nuclear option" to end the filibuster for almost all nominations, but the move has spurred confirmation of 134 judges in the 113th Congress, the most since 1979-80.

White House officials are under no illusion about the difficulties of dealing with a bolstered House Republican majority, a Senate under GOP control, and cantankerous congressional Democrats. Under these circumstances, much of the administration's strategy involves doing whatever possible to ensure facts on the ground, to cement changes already secured or secure changes as yet unachieved.

This thread runs through administration discussions of three unrelated issues: dealing with a pending Supreme Court case that could effectively demolish the federal insurance exchanges; implementing the immigration order; and making good on the promise to close Guantanamo.

The Supreme Court case concerns the availability of federal subsidies in the 37 states that opted against creating insurance exchanges, leaving the federal government to do the job. The Affordable Care Act law spells out subsidies for insurance in "an exchange established by the state," a provision the administration interpreted – correctly, in my view – to provide subsidies in federal exchanges as well.

For the administration, which can't do much to influence how the justices rule, one approach is piling up enrollees, in part hoping this will make justices less inclined to disrupt people's settled expectations, but even more in anticipation of how states respond if subsidies are invalidated. The more people receiving this benefit, the more inclined the states, even Republican-leaning states, will be to fix the problem. The same theory holds true for immigration. The more people who enroll in the president's expanded authorization program when sign-ups begin early next year, the harder it will be for opponents – or a future president – to dismantle it. Thus, the administration is already carefully monitoring public reaction to gauge the level of public interest.

On Guantanamo, the administration's calculus is the converse: to painstakingly whittle the number of prisoners down to the bare minimum of those who cannot safely be sent to another country – and then to argue that that the expense of keeping Guantanamo open is too high to justify the current legislative ban on bringing those detainees to the United States.

The cost of housing a prisoner at Guantanamo is nearly $3 million a year, compared to $75,000 at a federal supermax facility. Of course, as the number of Guantanamo detainees falls, the cost per detainee rises to even more unjustifiable heights.

This may not be a winning argument: the ban on transferring prisoners here has been based on scare talk about increased terrorism threats, not sober cost-benefit analysis. Still, it may be the administration's best hope in crossing that promise off the presidential to-do list – as officials gamely insist is possible by the end of his term.

Such will be the slow slog of the administration's remaining two years.

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Letters

States have power to change the Constitution

Editor,

Many people have been working hard over the past six years to restore America's republic to its founding principles and freedoms. The tea party and other patriots started this liberty movement in 2009 when it was clear that the federal government was ignoring the Constitution and implementing tyrannical policies.

The impact has been dramatic, as the elections in 2010 and 2014 resulted in the biggest shift one could have ever imagined. While many pundits predicted the death of the conservative movement, they could not have been more wrong. Republicans now have 246 seats, 56 percent majority in the House and 54 seats in the Senate (biggest majorities since 1928). Thirty-one (62 percent) of the states now have Republican governors, and Republicans control 69 of 99 (70 percent) of state legislature chambers. This represents a clear and dramatic rejection of the current administration and the Democrat (and sometimes Republican) big government policies.

So what? Will the Congress now reverse the bad policies and restore a free republic? Will Obamacare, Dodd-Frank and other offensive bills be repealed? Will taxes be simplified and rates reduced? Will the budget be cut and the exploding debt (up $8 trillion in six years!) be reduced so that America can avoid a likely financial disaster? Will entitlement law be revised to deal with the more than $100 trillion of unfunded (unfundable) liabilities? Will the mountain of stifling regulation from unconstitutional law-making bureaucracies be eliminated? Will the administration listen to the people and stop making laws by executive order?

The fact that "we the people" have spoken clearly in the election should make us all optimistic. Unfortunately, it is likely that the answer to these questions is "no," as evidenced by the recent budget agreement to continue bad policies through September 2015. Did you even hear one comment on deficit elimination? The federal government is out of control. The administration is tone deaf to the people's interests (e.g. a large majority of Americans want Obamacare repealed), and will veto any attempt to restore America. So, what can be done?

The answer is actually in the Constitution! Did you know that if three-quarters of the state legislatures approve an amendment to the Constitution, they can change it without any approvals from Congress or the president (Article V)? The Founding Fathers understood that the states and the people needed to have the power to curtail the federal government if it got out of control. Did you know that more than 100 state legislative representatives have already met three times to set up a convention of states process to propose amendments to limit the scope and reduce the power of the federal government?

If 38 states agree, we can bring back the sovereignty the Founders intended for the states and "we the people," and bring back individual liberty, choice, free markets and real hope. Join the effort by reading Mark Levin's book, "The Liberty Amendments," and go online to see what is going on at conventionof states.com.

Harry S. Burritt
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SCHOOL SHOOTINGS, TORTURE, OPPRESSION OF WOMEN... WHY IS AMERICA TRYING TO BE LIKE US?
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SH shouldn't encourage state campground

Editor,

From the documents and site plans drawn up that we have seen the state is proposing a 400-site campground located on Blue Star Highway along the Black River.

As one of the five privately owned campgrounds that will be directly affected by the government-owned and operated campground, we have many concerns.

With the influx of approximately 400-800 cars, trucks or RVs, and approximately 1,200 additional people a day, our police/fire/EMT services will all need to be increased in order to serve the volume and hopefully maintain better response times than what they are currently at. These costs will be paid by the local taxpayers.

Our campground was established 24 years ago. Presently we are just maintaining our property. However, the KOA, Sunnybrook and Yogi Bear campgrounds are all very new and owners have just spent their life earnings to develop their campgrounds, and are continuing to work very hard to one day be able to pay off the debt that they have incurred doing this. This government project did not just get developed overnight. It certainly would have been the decent thing to do if our elected officials would have made this known to these campground owners so that they could have made their business decisions with the same information that was available to our elected officials. This project has been quietly discussed out of public view for two years. Instead of seeking our input, Mayor Bob Burr and City Manager Brian Dissette drove through all of our campgrounds asking questions and assessing the state's competition, while drawing their own conclusions on what's needed, and then making up our occupancy rates.

It is very sad that the people we have elected to serve our community cannot be open and honest with us regarding this project, even when directly asked about it.

It is not that our area needs another campground. Of the five privately owned campgrounds, none of us are even close to 100 percent occupancy for our entire season. We often have quite a bit of occupancy during the week even in the summer, and lots of openings spring and fall.

Would not a day-use facility offer more for the local taxpayers?

Why should the locals get all the cost and aggravation and none of the benefits? How about building what serves the local population, for once; a place where people can go to relax and enjoy their family and friends. People could gather for picnics, family reunions, birthdays or even weddings, with biking or hiking, nature trails, possibly tenting (which would not be competing with current private businesses), and snowmobile trails, to help the economy in South Haven in the winter, when all of our businesses are struggling

We hope that everyone gives this project considerable thought before it is approved.

Mary and Hal Cousins
South Haven

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Tuskegee Airman Lowell Steward dies in California

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

VENTURA, Calif. — Lowell Steward, a former member of the Tuskegee Airmen who flew well over 100 missions over Europe during World War II, has died in California. He was 95.

His son Lowell Jr. says Steward died Wednesday of natural causes at a hospital in Ventura.

After graduating with a business degree from Santa Barbara College in 1941, Steward joined the Army Air Corps and trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama.

He was shipped to Italy in 1944 with the 100th Fighter Squadron of the famed all-black unit. From Capodechino Air Base in Naples, Steward completed dozens of missions in P-39 Airacobras and P-40 Warhawks. Later based in Ramitelli, Italy, he flew dozens more escort and strafing missions in P-51 Mustangs. He would fly 143 missions in all.

America's first black military pilots faced an unprecedented level of scrutiny under racial segregation. As a result they held themselves to a higher standard, Steward often said.

"He would say, 'we had to be better because we were looked at harder. The odds were stacked against us. Some people wanted us to fail,"' Lowell Jr. said.

Steward was ultimately awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

After being discharged in 1946, he moved to Los Angeles and tried to buy a house, only to be repeatedly denied bank loans because he was black.

"After several encounters like that he said, 'I need to figure out how to finance my own home.' That's when he went to real estate school," Lowell Jr. said.

Steward became one of the first black real estate agents in Los Angeles and went on to a 40-year career in the industry.

He helped organize and later served as president of the Los Angeles chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., a group devoted to preserving the legacy of the fighter pilots. He also founded a scholarship foundation in the name of the airmen.

In 2007, Steward was present at the U.S. Capitol when President George W. Bush presented members of the Tuskegee Airmen with the Congressional Gold Medal.

Steward's wife of 60 years, Helen, died in 2004. In addition to Lowell Jr., he is survived by daughters Shelley Lambert and Pamela Mills, along with 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A funeral is planned for next week.

Tom Brokaw: cancer is in remission

By FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Tom Brokaw says his cancer is in remission.

The veteran NBC newsman announced Sunday that, after months of chemotherapy, he soon will begin a drug maintenance program.

Sharing with colleagues what he called "very encouraging news," Brokaw's internal memo noted that a year ago his future was "more uncertain than I cared to acknowledge."

Last February, he revealed that six months earlier he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a cancer affecting blood cells in the blood marrow, and was undergoing treatment.

He called the past year "a challenge," but added gratefully he met it in "world-class hospitals with brilliant physicians."

The former NBC "Nightly News" anchor, now a special correspondent, has continued to work on projects during his treatment, including participation in last month's election night coverage. Also in November, he took NBC Sports Network viewers on a trip to his native South Dakota for pheasant hunting season.

Brokaw, 74, began his career with NBC News in its Los Angeles bureau in 1966, later serving as its White House correspondent during the Watergate scandal before becoming anchor in 1983. Brian Williams replaced him as anchor in 2004.

Brokaw is the author of several books including "The Greatest Generation," his celebration of Americans who endured the Great Depression and World War II.

States trying to lure lawyers into rural practice

By REGINA GARCIA CANO
Associated Press

CORSICA, S.D. — By landing a steady job in a hopping metropolis, Jake Fischer achieved the dream of many who finished law school during the Great Recession. Then, he left the big-city life and moved to a small South Dakota town, lured by a program that seeks to boost the number of rural attorneys.

Although federal grant money for decades has been available for doctors, nurses and dentists willing to relocate to sparsely populated areas, the South Dakota program is believed to be the first of its kind to similarly compensate lawyers.

Fischer, who is married with one child, is the first of up to 16 attorneys accepted into the program, which is funded by the state's judicial system, the South Dakota Bar Association and the counties. It offers an annual subsidy of $12,000 – or 90 percent of the cost of a year at the University of South Dakota Law School – to live and practice in rural communities.

The 30-year-old left his job at a Minneapolis nonprofit this past spring to work at his new law office in Corsica, South Dakota, about 25 miles from his hometown of Parkston. He's the only full-time attorney in the town of 600 and one of just two full-time in a county of about 3,000 people, almost 100 miles away from the nearest metro area.

"Being in a small town, of course you have to do a little bit of everything, criminal law, land deals, business deals, estate planning, the whole range of stuff really," Fischer said.

Four urban areas in South Dakota have 65 percent of the state's lawyers and rural residents sometimes have to drive nearly 100 miles for legal advice. But South Dakota isn't the only state struggling with attracting lawyers to rural areas.

In Nebraska, 12 of the state's 93 counties have no practicing attorney. Only about 30 percent of Georgia's attorneys can be found outside the Atlanta area. And even in New York with nearly 170,000 attorneys, more than 60 percent concentrate in New York City.

Getting it straight

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Obituaries

Ralph Patterson

Ralph Patterson went home for the last time Saturday, Nov. 20, 2014 with family and friends by his side.

Ralph was born Nov. 30, 1938. Ralph was the seventh child brought home to the family farm in Hartford, Mich., the son of Clarence and Florence Patterson. Growing up on the farm instilled a work ethic in Ralph that would be with him his entire life.

After graduation, Ralph decided to head for the big city of Chicago to make his fortune as a diesel mechanic. Ralph loved the mechanic work, along with his pride and joy of the time, his Porsche. Many a law-stretching fun times were had in this car. But the city was not all it was supposed to be, and Ralph returned home to Southwest Michigan.

Grand Junction was now to be his home, because that is where he and his new bride, the former Darlene Szymanski, were to reside. Ralph began working with his father-in-law, John, at JOHNS Manufacturing and Leasing. The years that followed saw Ralph's mechanical and engineering genius flourish. He helped to develop the JOHNS forklift that revolutionized the fruit and vegetable growing industry in the United States. This piece of equipment was like no other, and became the standard in the industry.

Although Ralph retired in 2006, the JOHNS BN Forklift still commands top dollar at auctions, and is still in high demand. Ralph could truly say that he made a difference in the world, and he left it a better place.

Ralph was a lifetime member of the Michigan State Horticultural Society, a past Van Buren County Fair Board member, and a member of the Van Buren County Farm Bureau. Ralph also had a soft spot in his heart for the Van Buren Youth Camp, where all of his children attended during the summers. Ralph was honored by the camp as one of the recipients of the Pearl Fisk award for many years of dedication and service to the camp as a lifetime board member.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 52 years, Darlene K. Patterson; three daughters, Tammy (Keith) Dykstra of Hartford, Karen (Tod) Kubiszak, of Lawrence, Laurie (Chad) Hamilton, of Grand Rapids; and a son, Randy (Brenda) Patterson, of Butler, Wis. Ralph was also blessed with 10 grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. Ralph also has one surviving sibling, Don Patterson of Monticello, Ind. Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Florence Patterson; two brothers, Dale and Louis; and three sisters, Wanda, Sue, and Lois.

The family will receive well wishers today from 5-7 p.m. at the Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Dec. 23, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bangor.

Memorials in Ralph's name may be made to either Sacred Heart Catholic Church or The Van Buren Youth Camp.

Cindy Norris

NORRIS

Cindy Norris, 52, of Galien, Mich. died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014 at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Cindy was born April 15, 1962 in Buchanan to Thomas and Pauline(Freehling) Longfellow. She graduated from Galien High School in 1980. She married Larry Norris on Feb. 20, 1982 in Galien at the Olive Branch United Methodist Church.

Galien was home to Cindy her entire life, raising her family there and serving on the Galien Public School Board. Cindy and Larry owned the Norris Country Corner in Galien for 25 years, selling wood crafts they created, and later selling antiques. Cindy enjoyed trips on the Harley with her husband, sunbathing, gardening, and her pond. She had fun watching her family and friends drag racing at the Osceola Dragway. She was a fan of Jeff Gordon. Cindy's greatest joy was her family, getting together around the pool, traveling in the motor home to Florida, being there for her children and grandchildren, watching them at home and during their activities.

Survivors include her husband, Larry; children Tommy (Jill) Norris of Galien and Becky Norris of Buchanan; grandchildren, Mackenzie and Caleb; mother Pauline Longfellow of Galien; sister Pam (Dale) Bailey, and brothers Dale Longfellow and Tim Longfellow, all of Galien.

She was preceded in death by her daughter. Cynthia, and by her father, Tom.

Celebration of Life Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, at Pobocik Funeral Home, Three Oaks, with Pastor Jeff Cummings officiating. Interment will follow at Galien Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 2–8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Berrien County Cancer Service, the Galien United Methodist Church or to Hospice at Home.

To leave a tribute online, please visit www.pobocik.com.

Rebecca Frizzell

Rebecca Frizzell's life began Nov. 7, 1959, in Benton Harbor, Mich. She lived for many years in Colorado and worked at Master Magnetic. In recent years she relocated to Coloma, Mich.

Her loving family includes two children, Ashley Frizzell and Randy Frizzell; two grandchildren, Dominic Frizzell and Isaiah Frizzell; her parents, Robert and Lois Berry; a brother, Robert Berry Jr "JR"; three sisters, Angela Sieleman, Brenda Black, and Kandi Osment; and many nieces and nephews.

Rebecca died Dec. 16, 2014 at Royalton Manor in St. Joseph. She is preceded in death by her mother Mildred (Marks) Berry; and a brother, Brian Berry.

Funeral services will be celebrated Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m. with visitation starting at noon at Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet. Rebecca's life will be celebrated in a joint service with her father, Robert Berry, who died unexpectedly Dec. 19.

Death notices

Wayne Tinkham, 70, of Niles, died at his home Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Katherine Jager

Katherine C. Jager, 82, of St. Joseph, passed away Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014 at Caretel Inns of Lakeland in St. Joseph.

JAGER

A Celebration of Life Service will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, with the Rev. Jim Whitman officiating. Friends may visit Tuesday from 5–7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial at Rest Lawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Berrien County Baptist Church. Those wishing to share a memory of Katherine may do so online at www.starks-menchinger.com

Katherine was born Nov. 30, 1932 in Traverse City, Mich. to Leslie and Ivah (Carroll) Gore. She received her nursing degree and went onto work as a registered nurse in many hospitals in the Grand Rapids and Lansing areas over the years. She wed Lee Jager.

Katherine loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She was a member of Berrien County Baptist Church, and in her spare time she enjoyed fishing, shopping, and many kinds of chocolate and ice cream.

Katherine is survived by her daughter Kathy (Wayne) Miller of St. Joseph; daughter-in-law Simoia Agler of Lansing, Mich,; grandchildren Ben Miller of St. Joseph, Brandon Jager and Lee Jager, both of Lansing, and Jacob Miller of Florida; siblings Leland (Nan) Gore of Florida, Ina (Tom) Strain of Florida and Jackie (Roger) Visser of Virginia.

Katherine was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband; son Louis Lee Jager; and siblings Glenna, Gloria, Les and Cortland.

Entrepreneur builds a sleek ship

By DAVID SHARP
Associated Press

KITTERY, Maine — Even on land, the Ghost looks futuristic and fast.

The angular vessel looks like a waterborne stealth fighter. It rides atop underwater torpedo-shaped tubes powered by a pair of 2,000-horsepower gas turbine engines. Gyroscopes keep the ride smooth.

Sadly, Ghost is all revved up with no place to go. The brainchild of a wealthy inventor and entrepreneur, Ghost might never be a familiar household name like Humvee, Apache and Abrams – even if it works as advertised – because its creator built a warship the military isn't convinced it needs.

"It's a revolutionary program," said Gregory Sancoff, founder and CEO of Juliet Marine Systems. "Nothing like this has ever been built by anybody, not even the Navy."

He might be right: The Ghost rides on struts connected to engine assemblies he says take advantage of "supercavitation," traveling underwater inside a bubble of gas. It's a new application of technology that Sancoff insists will make Ghost fast – it's so far hit about 35 mph but Sancoff believes it can approach 60 mph – while staying stable even in rough seas.

But Sancoff has taken the usual step of sinking $15 million into a prototype that he hopes to sell to the Navy, turning upside down a process in which normally the military identifies a need before soliciting proposals and seeking funding.

"The Navy is pretty skeptical of what we've been working on but they're starting to take us more seriously," said Sancoff, whose company operates out of a leased warehouse at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Sancoff, who as a young man raced hydroplanes, hatched his idea for the 60-foot-long vessel after terrorists using a small boat full of explosives nearly sank the USS Cole in 2000.

He thinks the Navy needs a fast patrol boat to protect larger and more costly warships when they're most vulnerable, like when they're passing through the Strait of Hormuz at the southern end of the Persian Gulf. The Ghost's smooth ride makes it an ideal platform for weapon systems – and for transporting Navy SEALs, Sancoff said.

JIME COLE / AP

New Hampshire businessman Greg Sancoff poses next to the Ã¬Ghost," his newly designed warship vessel, on the grounds of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. Sancoff put up some of his own money to build the warship, now they just need to find a buyer.

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Do you remember?

25 years ago – 1989

Southwestern Michigan already has received more than half the normal seasonal snowfall, received nearly as much snow as all last winter and seen the thermometer drop lower than it has in several years. And winter has only been here for 24 hours.

Four St. Joseph residents have been selected as board members of the Mercy-Memorial Health Foundation: Leo A. Soorus, director of governmental affairs at Whirlpool; Ted Kirschenbaum, president of United Container Co., St. Joseph; Robert J. Ehrenberg, a St. Joseph attorney; and Gregory P. Hanson, president of Hanson Precision Machine, Buchanan.

35 years ago – 1979

The Watervliet City Commission Friday night voted to support a private developer's plan to convert the former Community Hospital building into a senior citizens apartment complex. The plan has been proposed by Robert Poziwilko of Superior Home Builders of St. Joseph, which has a 12-month option to buy the structure on Main Street from the hospital.

50 years ago – 1964

A hundred youngsters were given a party they'll remember for a long time when Emil Tosi was host at his restaurant near Stevensville on Sunday. It was the well-known restaurateur's annual gift to underprivileged children in Berrien County.

Today in history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Monday, Dec. 22, the 356th day of 2014. There are nine days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 22, 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe rejected a German demand for surrender, writing "Nuts!" in his official reply.

On this date:

In 1775, Esek Hopkins was appointed the commander-in-chief of the Continental Navy.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman said in a message to President Abraham Lincoln: "I beg to present you as a Christmas-gift the city of Savannah."

In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.)

In 1910, a fire lasting more than 26 hours broke out at the Chicago Union Stock Yards; 21 firefighters were killed in the collapse of a burning building.

In 1937, the first, center tube of the Lincoln Tunnel connecting New York City and New Jersey beneath the Hudson River was opened to traffic. (The second tube opened in 1945, the third in 1957.)

In 1944, former silent film comedian Harry Langdon (once considered a rival to Charles Chaplin) died in Los Angeles at age 60.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Scat'd Rain	Rain Likely	Rain Likely	Rain/Snow	Snow Possible	Rain/Snow
44º	42º	47º / 39º	42º / 33º	37º / 31º	41º / 28º

Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 40% chance of rain, high temperature of 44º, humidity of 57%. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of rain, overnight low of 42º. Southeast wind 15 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:11 a.m.
Sunset	5:18 p.m.
Moonrise	8:22 a.m.
Moonset	6:28 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
12/28	1/4	1/13	1/20

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor yesterday

Temperature

High	37º
Low	31º
Normal High	33º
Normal Low	21º
Record High	60º in 1949
Record Low	-3º in 1989

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.54"
Normal month to date	1.91"
Year to date	25.65"
Normal year to date	36.24"

Air Quality

Yesterday..... 45
Main Offender.....Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

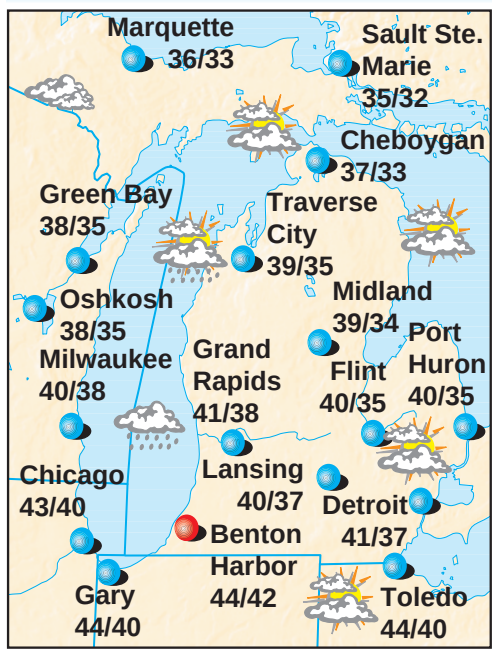
0-50.....Good
51-100.....Moderate
101-150....Sensitive
151-200..Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

Wind speeds need to be at least how fast for there to be wind chill?

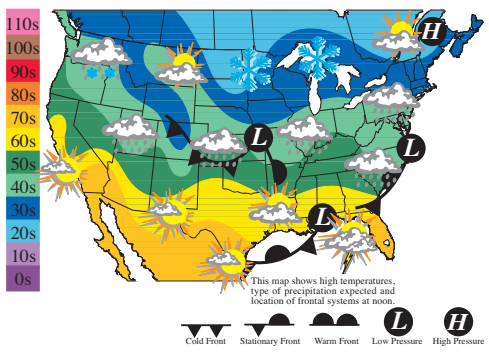
Answer: At least 5 mph.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for Dec. 22, 2014



Lake Michigan

Today, south winds to 30 kt becoming southeast. Rain likely in the afternoon. Waves 5 to 8 ft occasionally to 10 ft. Water temperature 36 degrees.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated snow, highs in the mid-30s. South wind 15 mph. Partly cloudy to cloudy skies will continue Tuesday with scattered rain and snow.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rain, highs in the mid-40s. Southeast wind 10 to 13 mph. Expect cloudy skies Tuesday with scattered rain, highs in the upper 40s.

Tent city sprouts in shadow of downtown Detroit

By COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press

DETROIT — Bankruptcy behind it, Detroit's atmosphere swirls with the promise of better days. Charles Floyd Jones can only hope that the city's good fortune trickles down to him and the 10 other residents of a tent city that's sprouted in the shadow of a resurgent downtown where rental occupancy is close to full and restaurants and shops are doing brisk business.

Jones and others in this makeshift community of seven tents – believed to be the only tent city in Detroit – say they have nowhere else to go.

"By us being out of bankruptcy, they can see that you got people out here that's struggling," said Jones, 51.

The city's homeless numbers swelled over the past decade as manufacturing and other jobs disappeared and homes were lost during the national foreclosure crisis. All told, about 16,200 of Detroit's 680,000 residents – almost 2.4 percent – are believed to be living on the streets or in temporary shelters – and that doesn't account for other types of homelessness, such as teens going from friend to friend and families living in motels.

By comparison, only about 1 percent of San Francisco's more than 800,000 residents are homeless. But San Francisco is on much firmer financial ground than Detroit, which shed $7 billion in debt during bankruptcy. Its restructuring plan aims to raise revenue and improve city services with $1.7 billion in funding, but it also calls for austerity in budgeting.

"I love Detroit. I'd hope things would get better," said 29-year-old Josh Reslow, who shares a tent in the encampment with girlfriend Brittney Hines, 25. "I'm a carpenter and with no work going on, I guess, that's part of the reason I'm on the street."

The city has "tried to provide" for homeless programs throughout Detroit's financial crisis and bankruptcy, according to the Rev. Faith Fowler, executive director of the nonprofit Cass Community Social Services. Her nonprofit is one of three that will operate warming centers through the end of March on behalf of the city.

"They want to make sure that people are safe and that their needs are met throughout the winter," she said.

Like others sheltered only by layers of warm clothing beneath canvas tents, Jones "hustles" because he can't find a steady job. He accepts handouts and makes a few bucks directing fans into downtown parking lots before sporting events. He said he helped start the tent city about two months ago, with others joining later.

"It's quiet and you really don't get bothered by too many people," said Jones, who also lives with his girlfriend and has been homeless for four years.

He isn't a fan of the rescue mission: "The last time I was there, I got bedbugs. Hopefully, I can find a shelter somewhere that's presentable and me and my girl can go and make a stay for the winter."

Lewis Hickson, operations manager of the Neighborhood Service Organization's Tumaini Center, said his group has dropped off coats at the tent city that can be used as sleeping bags.

"You try to encourage them to come in out of the cold," Hickson said. "They really don't like shelter life because of the rules."

One strategy to get the chronically homeless off the street is to make them eligible for state and federal rental assistance programs, according to Dr. Robert Okin, professor of psychiatry at the University of California, San Francisco Medical School. Similar programs are found in Detroit and elsewhere in Michigan.

"That can then be used to help the city pay for low-cost housing. It will cover a lot of the rent," said Okin, who wrote about homeless Americans in his book "Silent Voices."

Nationally, about 85 percent of the chronically homeless stay in permanent housing once they have access, but Okin warned that it should be supportive housing, with "staff that can help people when they get into trouble."

Detroit officials have received no complaints about the tent city and have no plans to move them from the park, said Sgt. Michael Woody, a police department spokesman.

"They're not breaking any laws that are violent in nature or effecting quality of life issues," Woody said. "If they did want to leave, we would help them with what resources we could muster, but discussions may need to be had soon in finding them something a little more permanent."

NY farmers lament lost opportunity for gas riches

By MARY ESCH
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — While environmental groups are doing a victory dance over New York's decision to ban fracking, farmers such as apple grower David Johnson are grieving for dashed hopes and dreams.

"I'm devastated," Johnson said after Gov. Andrew Cuomo's health and environmental commissioners announced Wednesday that they were recommending a fracking ban. "I have concerns about how to continue this farm that's been in the family for 150 years."

Energy companies denied the chance to drill in New York can simply raise their rigs in other states. That's what they've done since the Marcellus Shale gas drilling boom began in 2008 and New York launched an environmental review that effectively put a moratorium in place. But landowners in the state's Southern Tier region who had hoped to reap royalties from gas production don't have that option.

"Frankly, my heart breaks for all those families in the Southern Tier who were denied the opportunity to develop their mineral resources," said Karen Moreau, executive director of the New York branch of the American Petroleum Institute.

New Yorkers have watched other states that sit atop the Marcellus Shale – Ohio, West Virginia and neighboring Pennsylvania – ride the fracking boom and reap profits from one of the world's largest natural gas deposits. Some New York landowners signed lucrative leases with energy companies and received multi-million-dollar signing bonuses before the natural gas market and the state's regulatory climate soured. But many landowner coalitions never got the chance to sell their leases.

That's fine with landowners who don't want drilling on their land or their neighbors'. Their ranks include many organic farmers, vineyard owners, tourist business operators and town residents who agree with environmental groups that the health risks and changes to the rural landscape outweigh the financial benefits.

Johnson, who runs a 30-acre pick-your-own apple farm on his mostly wooded 400 acres in Binghamton, said drilling money would help keep struggling farms in business and create new jobs for the next generation.

"We're just falling apart in the Southern Tier," Johnson said. "I make a living from people coming to my farm. But we're losing population. The people who are left have less money to spend. Every year my business decreases. We try new things, I raise prices, but the trend continues no different from any other industry in the Southern Tier."

Johnson said he'd be more accepting of the Cuomo administration's decision if Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joe Martens and Acting Health Commissioner Howard Zucker had presented some clear scientific basis for a ban. Instead, Martens based part of his decision on the low price of gas and the fact that 63 percent of New York's share of the Marcellus region was off-limits to drilling because of local bans and prohibitions intended to protect water supplies and other features. Zucker emphasized the need for long-term studies to rule out adverse health impacts.

"It was economic and emotional, not technical," Johnson said. "We're good ol' boys down here, just tell it to us straight. This political wishy-washiness is going to put us out of business."

Dan Fitzsimmons, president of the Joint Landowners Coalition of New York, was also critical of the health study findings. "Is our health department ignoring impacts of other energy options and suggesting that we continue with our reliance on coal and nuclear energy? Did our health department consider the health effects of poverty and unemployment?"

Other farmers are resigned to the state's decision.

Judi Whittaker, who has a 550-cow dairy in Whitney Point, had hoped to use gas-lease money to pay property taxes.

"If we had been able to get some gas drilling going it would have made our lives a little easier and taken a few of the stresses away," Whittaker said. "We'll just have to rethink what we're doing and move ahead. Agriculture has ups and downs all the time. You just have to go along for the ride."

Muhammad Ali hospitalized with pneumonia

By BRUCE SCHREINER
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Boxing great Muhammad Ali was hospitalized with a mild case of pneumonia that was caught early and should result in a short hospital stay, an Ali spokesman said Saturday night.

The three-time world heavyweight champion, who is battling Parkinson's disease, is being treated by his team of doctors and is in stable condition, said his spokesman, Bob Gunnell.

"He went into the hospital this morning," Gunnell said in a phone interview. "He has a mild case of pneumonia and the prognosis is good."

Gunnell declined to say where the 72-year-old Ali is hospitalized. He indicated that Ali's bout of pneumonia was caught quickly.

"This all came about this morning," Gunnell said.

No other details are being released due to the Ali family's request for privacy, he said.

Ali's public appearances have diminished in recent years as he continues to battle Parkinson's disease, but he still enjoys getting out and watching sports and visiting friends.

Ali appeared in public in September at a ceremony in his hometown of Louisville for the Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Awards. Ali did not speak to the crowd but posed for photos with award winners, including former NFL great Jim Brown.

Brown leaned over and whispered to the seated Ali during the photo session. Later, Brown said he told Ali: "You're the greatest of all time."

Ali retired from boxing in 1981 and devoted himself to social causes. He traveled the world on humanitarian missions, mingling with the masses and rubbing elbows with world leaders.

Ali received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President George W. Bush in 2005.

The Muhammad Ali Center, in Louisville, is dedicated to Ali's humanitarian causes and showcases his boxing career.

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Athlete Spotlight

Don Campbell / HP staff

Decatur's Hunter Bell, right, works against former Watervliet wrestler Brock Thumm during their 135-pound final district wrestling match Feb. 8 at Bangor High School. Bell hopes to win a state title this season.

Hunter Bell:

Hunting for a state title

By ADAM KARNIK
HP Sports Writer

Decatur senior wrestler Hunter Bell knows what to do on the wrestling mat.

In his four years Bell has racked up 154 career wins, has placed at state each of the last three seasons and hopes to compete again for a state title this season.

"Bell is the heart and soul of our team," said Decatur coach Brian Southworth. "He's a great leader and mentor for our program."

Bell is a captain on the team for a second season.

In a match at Eau Claire Saturday night, Bell tied for first and was one of 15 Raiders to make the finals.

Bell is also a member of the Decatur football team.

He is the son of Ron and Amy Bell. He has an older brother – who also wrestled for Decatur – and two younger sisters.

Bell is currently undecided on where to attend college next year and is undecided on a major, though he hopes to be involved in athletics.

What got you started in wrestling? My dad's boss had a son who was wrestling. I was good friends with him, so I got started when I was four and have loved it ever since.

Do you see wrestling as an individual sport or as a team sport? It goes from team to individual. On weekdays its a team sport but on weekends its individual. We wrestle as a team against another team but on weekends we go just against kids in the same weight class.

What is your favorite class and why? Probably math, because I enjoy doing it.

If you had to play a sport besides wrestling, or football what would it be and why? Probably baseball. I used to play that as a kid with lots of friends. I used to play center field and catcher.

What is your favorite part of the winter break? Raccoon hunting, because I enjoy being outside in the woods. I just like going out and hunting, its something fun to do. I go sometimes with some of my teammates, too.

The Herald-Palladium's Athlete Spotlight, sponsored by Whirlpool Corp., will appear weekly on Monday in The HP Sports section during the school year. Athletes are chosen by HP staff members. Suggestions for Athlete Spotlight are welcome. Email suggestions to sports@TheHP.com. Athletes are limited to one selection per school year.

Red Wings lose in shootout

DETROIT (AP) — The Colorado Avalanche had the luxury of calling on a six-time NHL All-Star for the ninth round of a shootout.

Colorado 2, Detroit 1

Jarome Iginla scored in the tiebreaker to lift the Avalanche to a 2-1 victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Sunday night.

Iginla got a wrist shot past Petr Mrazek, who had turned away six straight Avalanche shooters. Nathan MacKinnon and Matt Duchene also scored in the tiebreaker as Colorado ended a three-game road trip with five points.

Iginla said he thought too many prior shooters were trying to fake their way past Mrazek so he took a more direct approach when it was his turn.

"No one had really shot," he said. "I just wanted to come in and pick a spot."

Gustav Nyquist and Tomas Tatar had shootout goals for Detroit, which has dropped six in a row, four of them in tiebreakers. The Red Wings fell to 1-7 this season when the game goes to a shootout.

Detroit had a 22-12 shots advantage five minutes into the third period and finally cashed in when Pavel Datsyuk wristed a power-play shot past Avalanche goalie Calvin Pickard for his 13th goal.

The Avalanche tied it with 4:15 left in regulation when Erik Johnson scored on the power play for his eighth of the season. Colorado was coming off a 5-1 win at Buffalo on Saturday

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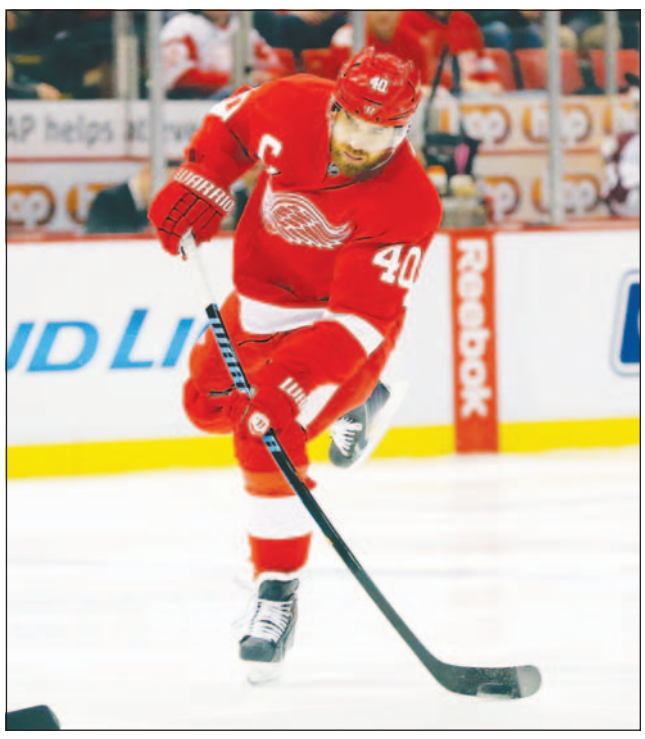

Paul Sancya / AP

Detroit left wing Henrik Zetterberg (40) shoots against Colorado during the second period of Sunday's game.

Nam Y. Huh / AP

Detroit running back Joique Bell (35) runs into the end zone for a touchdown past Chicago defenders in the second half of Sunday's game.

Getting just enough

Lions squeak by Bears, set up game for NFC North title against Packers next week

We're right there on the door step, we have one more task ahead of us that's to go out next week and get another W.

CALVIN JOHNSON
Detroit Lions receiver

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — After benching Jay Cutler, the Chicago Bears nearly hung an embarrassing loss on the playoff-bound Detroit Lions.

Detroit 20, Chicago 14

Thanks to a late touchdown run by Joique Bell, the Lions managed to get past Jimmy Clausen and the chaotic Chicago Bears 20-14 Sunday. That set up a showdown with Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers for the NFC North championship.

"This is what we play for," Calvin Johnson said after catching six passes for 103 yards. "We're right there on the door step, we have one more task ahead of us and that's to go out next week and get another W."

Bell scored on a neat touchdown run in the fourth quarter, and Detroit overcame two interceptions by Matthew Stafford.

Chicago benched Cutler days earlier, having seen enough after he led the NFL with 18 interceptions and 24 turnovers in the first year of a seven-year contract he signed in the offseason. They turned to the cast-off Clausen, who hadn't started a game since 2010.

Matthew Stafford outplayed Clausen, but just barely. He completed 22 of 39 passes for 243 yards and hit the 4,000-yard mark for the fourth straight year, but it was hardly an easy afternoon for him.

"We stood tall," Bears coach Marc Trestman said. "We played hard. We're not trying to sugar-coat it. We didn't win. We're here to win. But I

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BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Lancers not crisp in loss to Otsego

Lakeshore falls to Bulldogs at Coloma Holiday Showcase

By ADAM KARNIK
HP Sports Writer

COLOMA — In a difficult non-conference basketball game, the Lakeshore boys almost made a double-digit fourth quarter comeback against Otsego Saturday night.

Otsego 61, Lakeshore 50

The Lancers ran out of gas coming down the stretch, however, losing to the Bulldogs 61-50 at the Coloma Holiday Showcase tournament.

"We weren't very crisp tonight," said Lakeshore coach Sean Schroeder. "Otsego played very well and deserved to win."

Down 47-33, Lakeshore opened the fourth quarter on a 7-0 run to pull within seven points with 4:40 left to go and seemed to have the momentum. But the Lancers then went cold, going the next 3:10 without scoring and allowing Otsego to build the lead back to 13 points with some timely free throws.

"We got away from executing what we wanted to do," said Schroeder. "Quite honestly, we didn't execute very well all night tonight."

"I just told the guys that runs like that happen in high school basketball," Otsego coach Josh Holmes said. "It's how you respond to things like that and we responded really well. We played good team basketball tonight, which is something we haven't been doing, and that allowed us to beat a very good team tonight."

Lakeshore (3-1) trailed by double digits most of the second half and whenever it got within 10, Otsego would make a big basket and push the lead back out.

"We had to do things we

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Kane leads Chicago past Maple Leafs

By MATT CARLSON
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Patrick Kane had a power-play goal and two assists, leading Antti Raanta and the Chicago Blackhawks to a 4-0 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Sunday night.

Chicago 4, Toronto 0

The Blackhawks played with a "CR" on their helmets after assistant equipment manager Clint Reif died earlier in the day. The team said it was "deeply saddened" by the loss and declined further comment while asking for respect for the privacy for Reif's family and friends.

Coach Joel Quenneville, fighting back tears during his pregame media availability, said it was a tough day.

Paul Beaty / AP

Chicago goalie Antti Raanta (31), celebrates with teammate David Rundblad (5) after defeating Toronto on Sunday.

Raanta made 31 saves for his second shutout of the season, helping Chicago rebound from a 3-2 shootout loss Saturday night in Columbus.

David Rundblad, Kris Versteeg and Jonathan Toews also scored, and Patrick Sharp had three assists as the Blackhawks won for the 14th time in their last 17 games. Chicago has just one regulation loss in its last 13 games.

James Reimer made 30 saves in Toronto's third straight loss following a six-game winning streak.

Although No. 1 goalie Corey Crawford was available, Raanta started for the third time in four games and recorded his third career shutout. Crawford faced the Blue Jackets on Saturday after missing eight games with a foot injury.

IN BRIEF

No. 18 MSU women beat No. 19 Syracuse

WINTER PARK, Fla. (AP) — Aerial Powers had 32 points and 17 rebounds, leading No. 18 Michigan State over No. 19 Syracuse 89-76 in the final game of the Florida Sunshine Classic at Rollins College on Sunday.

The Spartans (8-3) took a 72-65 lead with 5:51 left when Tori Jankoska made a pair of free throws and a 3-pointer in a 14-second span. The Orange (8-3) closed to 78-72 on Cornelia Fondren's free throws with 2:21 left, but Michigan State made 11 of 12 free throws from there.

Jankoska scored 18 of her 25 points in the second half and finished with 10 rebounds. Becca Mills added 19 points for the Spartans.

Brianna Butler had 18 points, Diamond Henderson scored 16, Alexis Peterson 15 and Taylor Ford 14 for the Orange, who mostly trailed after a 31-all tie at the break.

Jameis Winston cleared in conduct hearing

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston was cleared of the accusations he faced at a student code of conduct hearing involving an alleged sexual assault two years ago, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press on Sunday.

Former Florida Supreme Court judge Major Harding wrote in a letter to Winston that the evidence was "insufficient to satisfy the burden of proof." A prosecutor made a similar decision a year ago when he decided not to criminally charge Winston, citing a lack of evidence.

This month, the hearing was to determine whether Winston violated four sections of the code of conduct — two for sexual misconduct and two for endangerment.

The ramifications for Winston ranged from a reprimand to expulsion from school.

The woman can request an appeal within five days.

Florida State president John Thrasher said in a statement that the university selected Harding to remove any doubt about the integrity of the process.

Florida State faces Oregon in the College Football Playoffs semifinal on Jan. 1.

Brazil draws with U.S. to win home tourney

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Brazil's women's soccer team drew 0-0 with the United States on Sunday to win the International Tournament of Brasilia.

Brazil had the tiebreaker in the final because it finished with the best result in group play at the four-team competition in the nation's capital.

The hosts controlled possession during most of the match but it was the U.S. that came close to scoring the winner just before the final whistle. Defender Becky Sauerbrunn headed the ball toward the net but it struck the crossbar after being tipped by Brazilian goalkeeper Luciana.

The Americans also had a late goal disallowed for offside.

Vonn crashes at women's super-G race

VAL D'ISERE, France (AP) — Elisabeth Goergl beat Anna Fenninger by .05 seconds to lead an Austrian 1-2 in a women's super-G race on Sunday, while American Lindsey Vonn crashed during her bid for a record-equaling 62nd career win.

After winning Saturday's downhill, Vonn was looking for a fourth consecutive podium finish and was .01 ahead of Georgl's time on the first split.

But after going too tightly into a turn, Vonn went inside on her skis and slid off course. The four-time World Cup champion lay on her back for a few moments before getting up.

AIRWAVES

Television today

2:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Football** Miami Beach Bowl — BYU vs. Memphis. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **English Premier League Soccer** Stoke City FC vs Chelsea FC. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Miami (Ohio) at Ohio State. (Live)

7:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Kansas at Temple. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** UT-Martin at Butler. (Live) CC
8:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Coppin State at Michigan. (Live)
(Csnch) **NBA Basketball** Toronto Raptors at Chicago Bulls. (Live)
8:15 p.m. (ESPN) **NFL Football** Denver Broncos at Cincinnati Bengals. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Wisconsin at California. (Live) CC
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** North Dakota at Marquette. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Miami at Providence. (Live) CC

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Football** Boca Raton Bowl — Marshall vs. Northern Illinois. (11-2). (Live)
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Sacred Heart at Rutgers. (Live)
(Csnch) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at Washington Wizards. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Stanford at Texas. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** NJIT at Villanova. (Live) CC
7:30 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** Buffalo Sabres at Detroit Red Wings. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** St. Louis Blues at Colorado Avalanche. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic, Game. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Las Vegas Classic. (Live) CC
9:30 p.m. (ESPN) **College Football** San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl (Live)
11:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Las Vegas Classic. (Live) CC

Radio today

6 p.m.
College basketball — The Citadel at Michigan State (WCSY-FM, 103.7)
8 p.m.
College basketball — Coppin State at Michigan (WSJM-AM, 1400)
NBA — Raptors at Bulls (WMVP-AM, 1000)

Tuesday

7 p.m.
Boys high school basketball — South Haven at Battle Creek Lakeview (WCSY-FM, 103.7)
NBA — Bulls at Wizards (WMVP-AM, 1000)
8:30 p.m.
NHL — Jets at Blackhawks (WGN-AM, 720)

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Ending the streak

Cowboys crush Colts, clinch first division title in four years

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brandon Wade / AP

Dallas quarterback Tony Romo (9) celebrates a touchdown pass to Cole Beasley during the first half of Sunday's game against Indianapolis.

ARLINGTON, Texas — Dallas ended a four-year playoff drought Sunday in a dominating 42-7 victory over the Indianapolis Colts, with Tony Romo throwing four touchdown passes and breaking Troy Aikman's franchise record for yards passing.

The Cowboys (11-4) emphatically ended a three-game home losing streak, scoring touchdowns on their first four possessions.

Dallas had an opening for its first NFC East title and postseason berth since 2009, and first under coach Jason Garrett, because of Philadelphia's 27-24 loss at Washington on Saturday. The Eagles were eliminated with the Cowboys' win.

The Colts (10-5) didn't have much to play for with the AFC South title secured, and looked like it while barely avoiding their first shutout loss in 21 years.

The Cowboys had already ended their three-year rut of 8-8 finishes that included losses in finales that kept them out of the playoffs. But they had to keep winning to make sure they got in.

NFL rushing leader DeMarco Murray played with a broken left hand, but the Cowboys didn't need much from him. He finished with 58 yards, with a 1-yard score.

Steelers 20, Chiefs 12

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger passed for 220 yards and a touchdown, Le'Veon Bell added a score and the Steelers locked up a postseason berth.

Pittsburgh (10-5) faces Cincinnati next week for the AFC North title. Either way, the Steelers will be playing January football for the first time since Tim Tebow and Denver stunned the defending AFC champions in the wild-card round three years ago.

Kansas City's Alex Smith passed for a season-high 311 yards but was sacked six times. The Chiefs (8-7) have lost four of five and need to beat San Diego next Sunday and receive plenty of help to make it back to the playoffs for a second straight year under coach Andy Reid.

Falcons 30, Saints 14

NEW ORLEANS — Julio Jones returned from a hip injury to catch seven passes for 107 yards, and the Falcons remained in playoff contention.

Matt Ryan completed 30 of 40 passed for 322 yards and a touchdown, and Devonta Freeman ran for a 31-yard score for Atlanta (6-9), which can win the NFC South by beating Carolina next week.

The Saints (6-9), who committed three turnovers in the fourth quarter, lost their fifth straight at home and were eliminated.

Jimmy Graham fumbled inside the Atlanta 1-yard line early in the fourth quarter. The Saints had a chance to drive for a winning score inside the final three minutes, but Robert McClain's interception of Drew Brees in Saints territory set up a field goal, and Osi Umenyiora returned Brees' fumble for an 86-yard TD as time expired.

Panthers 17, Browns 13

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Cam Newton threw for one touchdown and ran for another as Carolina (6-81) took over sole possession of first place in the NFC South. The victory sets up the winner-take-all showdown next Sunday at Atlanta.

The winner will join the 2010 Seattle Seahawks as the only teams in NFL history to reach the postseason in a non-strike-shortened season with a losing record.

Newton threw for 201 yards and ran for 63 yards just 12 days after the quarterback suffered two fractures in his lower back following an automobile accident. Jonathan Stewart ran for 122 yards and caught a 9-yard touchdown pass from Newton.

Johnny Manziel made his second NFL start for Cleveland (7-8) but left with 1:49 remaining in the first half with a hamstring injury and did not return.

Packers 20, Buccaneers 3

TAMPA, Fla. — Aaron Rodgers threw for 318 yards and one touchdown to help the Packers clinch a wild-card playoff berth.

Eddie Lacy scored on a 44-yard run, Jordy Nelson caught a 1-yard TD pass in the fourth quarter and had nine receptions for 113 yards, while Randall Cobb finished with 11 catches for 131 yards.

A 21-13 loss to Buffalo a week ago cost Green Bay (11-4) sole possession of first place in the division. It also hurt its chances for earning home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs. Green Bay closes the regular season at home against Detroit, and a victory will give the Packers another NFC North crown.

The Bucs fell to 2-13.

Patriots 17, Jets 16

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jonas Gray scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 1-yard run early in the fourth quarter after the Patriots intercepted Geno Smith, and New England clinched a first-round playoff bye.

Tom Brady threw a 3-yard TD pass to Rob Gronkowski for the Patriots (12-3), who could earn home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs if Denver loses at Cincinnati tonight.

With the Jets (3-12) leading 13-10 late in the third quarter, Smith's pass for Jace Amaro hung in the air for an easy interception by Jamie Collins — and led to Gray's score minutes later.

Texans 25, Ravens 13

HOUSTON — Running back Arian Foster threw a touchdown pass, Randy Bullock made a franchise-record six field goals and Houston's defense dominated to keep slim playoff hopes alive.

The Ravens (9-6) now need some help next week to get into the postseason after Joe Flacco threw a season-high three interceptions and the offense struggled all day.

Houston (8-7) remains in the hunt with the victory, but needs several teams to lose next week.

Raiders 26, Bills 24

OAKLAND, Calif. — Derek Carr threw two touchdown passes and Sebastian Janikowski kicked four field goals to help the Raiders knock the Bills from playoff contention.

The Bills (8-7) needed to win their final two games and get some help to end the NFL's longest active playoff drought at 14 seasons. But they failed at the easiest part, beating the lowly Raiders (3-12), and will miss the playoffs for a 15th straight season.

Oakland has the second-longest active postseason drought at 12 years but has done a good job of playing spoiler in recent weeks, beating Kansas City, San Francisco and Buffalo the past five weeks.

Dolphins 37, Vikings 35

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Dolphins owner Stephen Ross, buoyed by a thrilling comeback win, said Joe Philbin will return as coach next season.

Ross made his announcement in the locker room shortly after the Dolphins won on a safety.

Rookie Terrence Fede blocked a punt for a safety with 41 seconds left, and Ryan Tannehill threw four touchdown passes. The Dolphins overcame a 14-0 deficit to take the lead, but trailed again after giving up 15 points in an 11-second span in the fourth quarter.

Minnesota fell to 6-9.

Giants 37, Rams 27

ST. LOUIS — Odell Beckham Jr. caught two touchdown passes and rolled up 148 yards receiving against a defense that hadn't allowed a TD in three straight games.

Beckham set a franchise rookie record with his 10th and 11th TD catches, shattered another rookie mark for receptions and topped 1,000 yards while shrugging off a pair of late hits in the second quarter. The second led to a brawl and three ejections, none of them to starters.

The Giants (6-9) had a season-best 514 yards in total offense and have won three in a row heading into their finale at home against the Eagles.

No. 5 Notre Dame beat St. Joseph's

By STEVE LOWE
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame freshman Brianna Turner didn't want to rush her return to the lineup, but Irish coach Muffet McGraw was elated to have her back.

Notre Dame 64
St. Joseph's 50

Turner responded with 19 points in 31 minutes Sunday for No. 5 Notre Dame in a 64-50 win over Saint Joseph's.

After missing three games with a shoulder injury suffered Dec. 3 against Maryland, Turner missed just one field goal attempt (7 of 8) and blocked five shots.

"She definitely changes the game for us," McGraw said. "We've really missed that over the last few games."

Playing with a black brace on her right shoulder, Turner said she wasn't bothered by it and quickly got into the flow of the game.

"It feels great," Turner said. "I just tried to be good defensively and let my offense come as the game went on."

Jewell Loyd added 16 points for the Irish (11-1). After falling behind by seven points halfway through the first half, the Irish picked it up defensively and outscored the Hawks 26-7 to take a 12-point lead into halftime. They scored eight straight after the break to take a 20-point lead.

Joe Raymond / AP

Notre Dame guard Jewell Loyd drives down the lane in Sunday's game against Saint Joseph's.

Natasha Cloud scored 16 points and Ciara Andrews had 15 for Saint Joseph's (3-7).

The Hawks have lost four of their last five, and it also was their seventh straight on the road dating back to last season — the longest skid in program history.

The Hawks tried to shorten the game with long offensive possessions, but committed six shot clock violations and had 16 turnovers. The Irish scored 25 points off those turnovers.

"We get really excited about our stops and we're able to run in transition," Turner said.

Saint Joseph's opened the second half with a shot clock violation and a Turner block on its first two possessions. The Irish used a 12-2 run to go up 22 points with 13:26 to play.

Notre Dame outscored the Hawks 44-10 in the paint.

"We thought we'd get a little more out of our back-to-the-basket kids today," said Saint Joseph's coach Cindy Griffin. "(Notre Dame is) long and they're lanky. They have a lot of wing span, especially with (Turner) and (Taya Reimer)."

Notre Dame's lead was down to 10 with 4:58 to go after Cloud's 15-footer capped a 15-3 Saint Joseph's run. But the Irish got two buckets by Reimer in the post and Lindsay Allen's layup to provide breathing room. Reimer finished with 10 points.

"Our game plan was to go inside," McGraw said. "We were trying to run a lot of stuff that would get us inside touches. We thought we had an advantage in the post."

After falling behind 8-0 in the first three minutes, Saint Joseph's went on a 12-1 run. Kathlee Fitzpatrick hit two 3-pointers early and Andrews' bucket with 10:02 left put the Hawks up 20-13.

"I was mildly concerned," McGraw said. "Their pace really threw us."

Turner's four blocked shots helped Notre Dame finish the first half strongly and take a 12-point lead into the halftime. Turner scored 10 points and was perfect from the field (3 of 3) and the free throw line (4 of 4) in the first half.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Prior to the game, Notre Dame observed a moment of silence for three police officers killed over the last 48 hours around the country. Members of local law enforcement agencies stood side by side with the Irish players during the moment of silence and the National Anthem.

AREA HOCKEY

KALAMAZOO BLADES 6, LSJ WARRIORS 5, OT

First Period
LSJ: J. Baston, 14:59.
LSJ: Reits, 14:41.
LSJ: Heine (Osborn), 12:24.
LSJ: Breyen, 11:23.
Second Period
KB: Vuorimaa (Isojarvi), 8:25.
LSJ: Reits (Osborn), 4:16.
KB: Hagen, 2:16.
KB: Isojarvi (Hagen, Vuorimaa), 1:41.
Third Period
KB: Melinger (Hagen), 8:10.
KB: Vuorimaa (Isojarvi), 4:42.
Overtime
KB: Hagen :05.
Saves — Schiff (LSJ) 31, Ruelas (KB) 19.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Saturday's results
Cheer by the Pier
Team scores — 1. St. Joseph 704.10, 2. Sparta 657.66, 3. Tri-County 654.52, 4. Lakeshore 647.90, 5. Lake Michigan Catholic 516.10, 6. Tri-County JV 435.18, 7. Eau Claire 412.54.

NFL

All Times EST
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	12	3	0	.800	459	296
Miami	8	7	0	.533	364	336
Buffalo	8	7	0	.533	326	280
N.Y. Jets	3	12	0	.200	246	377
South						
y-Indianapolis	10	5	0	.667	431	359
Houston	8	7	0	.533	349	290
Jacksonville	3	12	0	.200	232	389
Tennessee	2	13	0	.133	244	411
North						
Cincinnati	9	4	1	.679	311	289
x-Pittsburgh	10	5	0	.667	409	351
Baltimore	9	6	0	.600	389	292
Cleveland	7	8	0	.467	289	317
West						
y-Denver	11	3	0	.786	407	303
San Diego	9	6	0	.600	341	329
Kansas City	8	7	0	.533	334	274
Oakland	3	12	0	.200	239	405

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Dallas	11	4	0	.733	423	335
Philadelphia	9	6	0	.600	440	374
N.Y. Giants	6	9	0	.400	354	366
Washington	4	11	0	.267	284	394
South						
Carolina	6	8	1	.433	305	371
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400	378	383
New Orleans	6	9	0	.400	378	404
Tampa Bay	2	13	0	.133	257	387
North						
x-Detroit	11	4	0	.733	301	252
x-Green Bay	11	4	0	.733	456	328
Minnesota	6	9	0	.400	312	334
Chicago	5	10	0	.333	310	429
West						
x-Arizona	11	3	0	.786	287	244
x-Seattle	10	4	0	.714	339	242
San Francisco	7	8	0	.467	286	323
St. Louis	6	9	0	.400	318	334

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Thursday's Game
Jacksonville 21, Tennessee 13
Saturday's Games
Washington 27, Philadelphia 24
San Diego 38, San Francisco 35, OT
Sunday's Games
Houston 25, Baltimore 13
Detroit 20, Chicago 14
Atlanta 30, New Orleans 14
Miami 37, Minnesota 35
Carolina 17, Cleveland 13
Green Bay 20, Tampa Bay 3
Pittsburgh 20, Kansas City 12
New England 17, N.Y. Jets 16
N.Y. Giants 37, St. Louis 27
Oakland 26, Buffalo 24
Dallas 42, Indianapolis 7
Seattle at Arizona
Today's Game
Denver at Cincinnati, 8:30 p.m.

LIONS 20, BEARS 14

Detroit	**7**	**0**	**3**	**10**	**— 20**
Chicago	**0**	**7**	**7**	**0**	**— 14**

First Quarter
Det—Bush 13 run (Prater kick), 5:15.
Second Quarter
Chi—Forte 11 pass from Clausen (Feely kick), :30.
Third Quarter
Det—FG Prater 39, 10:24.
Chi—Jeffery 20 pass from Clausen (Feely kick), 2:45.
Fourth Quarter
Det—Bell 17 run (Prater kick), 7:15.
Det—FG Prater 30, 2:35.
A—61,420.

	Det	Chi
First downs	22	17
Total Net Yards	367	234
Rushes-yards	26-138	22-64
Passing	229	170
Punt Returns	3-22	0-0
Kickoff Returns	2-28	3-74
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	2-1
Comp-Att-Int	22-39-2	23-39-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-14	2-11
Punts	1-35.0	6-40.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-60	5-86
Time of Possession	31:56	28:04

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Detroit, Bell 13-74, Bush 7-54, Winn 1-5, Collins 1-3, Stafford 4-2. Chicago, Forte 19-55, Clausen 3-9.
PASSING—Detroit, Stafford 22-39-2-243. Chicago, Clausen 23-39-1-181.
RECEIVING—Detroit, C.Johnson 6-103, Bush 6-44, Tate 5-62, Bell 2-13, Riddick 2-10, Ross 1-11. Chicago, Wilson 7-66, Jeffery 6-72, Forte 6-40, Morgan 2-2, Rosario 1-1, Bennett 1-0.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Detroit, Prater 37 (BK).

NBA

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	22	6	.786	—
Brooklyn	11	15	.423	10
Boston	10	15	.400	10½
New York	5	25	.167	18
Philadelphia	3	23	.115	18
Southeast Division				
Atlanta	19	7	.731	—
Washington	19	7	.731	—
Miami	13	15	.464	7
Orlando	10	20	.333	11
Charlotte	8	19	.296	11½
Central Division				
Chicago	17	9	.654	—
Cleveland	16	10	.615	1
Milwaukee	14	14	.500	4
Indiana	9	19	.321	9
Detroit	5	23	.179	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	21	6	.778	—
Houston	19	7	.731	1½
Dallas	20	8	.714	1½
San Antonio	17	11	.607	4½
New Orleans	14	13	.519	7
Northwest Division				
Portland	22	6	.786	—
Oklahoma City	13	15	.464	9
Denver	12	15	.444	9½
Utah	8	20	.286	14
Minnesota	5	21	.192	16
Pacific Division				
Golden State	22	3	.880	—
L.A. Clippers	19	8	.704	4
Phoenix	15	14	.517	9
Sacramento	12	15	.444	11
L.A. Lakers	8	19	.296	15

Saturday's Games
Phoenix 99, New York 90
Portland 114, New Orleans 88
Charlotte 104, Utah 86
Atlanta 104, Houston 97
Dallas 99, San Antonio 93
Denver 76, Indiana 73
L.A. Clippers 106, Milwaukee 102
Sunday's Games
Toronto 118, New York 108
Cleveland 105, Memphis 91
Sacramento 108, L.A. Lakers 101
Phoenix 104, Washington 92
Miami 100, Boston 84
Philadelphia 96, Orlando 88
Brooklyn 110, Detroit 105
New Orleans 101, Oklahoma City 99
Indiana 100, Minnesota 96
Today's Games
Denver at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 8 p.m.
Utah at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NETS 110, PISTONS 105

DETROIT (105)
Singler 1-4 0-0 2, Smith 5-16 3-6 13, Drummond 7-15 4-8 18, Jennings 3-12 0-0 8, Caldwell-Pope 6-15 3-3 20, Monroe 7-10 2-4 16, Butler 0-2 0-0 0, Augustin 2-4 0-0 5, Meeks 6-9 1-2 13, Jerebko 3-4 3-3 10. Totals 40-91 16-26 105.
BROOKLYN (110)
Johnson 5-9 4-6 16, Garnett 4-7 2-4 10, Plumlee 9-10 3-5 21, Jack 7-14 1-1 15, Karasev 2-6 4-4 9, Teletovic 5-9 2-2 13, Anderson 2-8 2-2 6, Morris 2-4 1-2 6, Bogdanovic 4-7 3-3 14, Jordan 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 40-76 22-29 110.

Detroit	**18**	**33**	**27**	**27**	**— 105**
Brooklyn	**28**	**25**	**30**	**27**	**— 110**

3-Point Goals—Detroit 9-27 (Caldwell-Pope 5-10, Jennings 2-5, Jerebko 1-1, Augustin 1-2, Butler 0-2, Smith 0-2, Singler 0-2, Meeks 0-3), Brooklyn 8-20 (Bogdanovic 3-4, Johnson 2-4, Morris 1-2, Karasev 1-3, Teletovic 1-4, Jack 0-1, Anderson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 58 (Drummond 20), Brooklyn 46 (Plumlee 12). Assists—Detroit 26 (Jennings 9), Brooklyn 29 (Jack 10). Total Fouls—Detroit 22, Brooklyn 18. Technicals—Detroit Coach Van Gundy, Brooklyn Coach Hollins. A—17,732 (17,732).

NHL

All Times EST
Saturday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 3, Carolina 2, SO
Columbus 3, Chicago 2, SO
Los Angeles 4, Arizona 2
Colorado 5, Buffalo 1
Philadelphia 7, Toronto 4
Montreal 4, Ottawa 1
Washington 4, New Jersey 0
N.Y. Islanders 3, Tampa Bay 1
Pittsburgh 3, Florida 1
Nashville 6, Minnesota 5, OT
Vancouver 3, Calgary 2, OT
San Jose 3, St. Louis 2, OT
Sunday's Games
Colorado 2, Detroit 1, SO
Dallas 6, Edmonton 5, SO
Boston 4, Buffalo 3, OT
N.Y. Rangers 1, Carolina 0
Chicago 4, Toronto 0
Philadelphia at Winnipeg
Today's Games
Ottawa at Washington, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Arizona at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Calgary at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

AVALANCHE 2, RED WINGS 1

Colorado	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**— 2**
Detroit	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**— 1**

Colorado won shootout 3-2
First Period—None. Penalties—Kronwall, Det (high-sticking), 1:11; Mitchell, Col (slashing), 3:25; Talbot, Col, double minor (high-sticking), 16:34.
Second Period—None. Penalties—None.
Third Period—1, Detroit, Datsyuk 13 (Sheahan, Zetterberg), 4:52 (pp). 2, Colorado, Johnson 8 (Barrie, Landeskog), 15:45 (pp). Penalties—Guenin, Col (tripping), 4:10; Jurco, Det (interference), 15:35.
Overtime—None. Penalties—None.
Shootout—Colorado 3 (MacKinnon G, Duchene G, Tanguay NG, O'Reilly NG, Landeskog NG, Briere NG, Mitchell NG, Barrie NG, Iginla G), Detroit 2 (Datsyuk NG, Nyquist G, Tatar G, Sheahan NG, Franzen NG, Kronwall NG, Zetterberg NG, Jurco NG, B.Smith NG).
Shots on Goal—Colorado 5-7-9-2—23. Detroit 10-10-14-1—35.
Power-play opportunities—Colorado 1 of 2; Detroit 1 of 4.
Goalies—Colorado, Pickard 6-5-2 (35 shots-34 saves). Detroit, Mrazek 3-2-1 (23-22). A—20,027 (20,027). T—2:44.
Referees—Graham Skilliter, Tim Peel. Linesmen—Bryan Pancich, Mark Wheler.

BLACKHAWKS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 0

Toronto	**0**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**0**
Chicago	**2**	**0**	**2**	**—**	**4**

First Period—1, Chicago, Rundblad 1 (Kane, Sharp), 15:30. 2, Chicago, Versteeg 9 (Kane, Sharp), 19:59. Penalties—Seabrook, Chi (high-sticking), 1:32.
Second Period—None. Penalties—Polak, Tor (boarding), 7:51.
Third Period—3, Chicago, Kane 16 (Sharp, Seabrook), 9:07 (pp). 4, Chicago, Toews 13 (Seabrook, Keith), 11:22. Penalties—Versteeg, Chi (interference), 6:26; Clarkson, Tor (interference), 8:46.
Shots on Goal—Toronto 7-9-15—31. Chicago 12-15-7—34.
Power-play opportunities—Toronto 0 of 2; Chicago 1 of 2.
Goalies—Toronto, Reimer 6-4-0 (34 shots-30 saves). Chicago, Raanta 6-2-0 (31-31).
A—22,131 (19,717). T—2:24.
Referees—Rob Martell, Eric Furlatt. Linesmen—Trent Knorr, Jean Morin.

BOWLING

AREA LEADERS
Men
Game

Brian Anderson, Kelley's	300
Bill Hendrixson, Lakeshore	300
Matt Hendrixson, Kelley's	300
Mark Kennedy, Lakeshore	300
Jeff Reeves, Kelley's	300
Dennis Weatherman, Kelley's	300
Scott Karsten, Lakeshore	300
Kevin Beckman, Lakeshore	299
Dustin Blagg, Coloma	299
David Lange, Lakeshore	296
Bill Rath, Kelley's	296

Series

Mike Milnickel, Coloma	846
Bill Rath, Kelley's	805
Dave Matheny, Kelley's	804
Dennis Weatherman, Lakeshore	791
David Lange, Lakeshore	781
Bob Forsythe, Lakeshore	781
Brad Flowers, Coloma	779
Tom Weidner, Kelley's	779
Dave Forsythe, Kelley's	775
Kevin Beckman, Lakeshore	772
Scott Fleisher, Kelley's	772

Team

B&L Rentals, Kelley's	3586
B&L Rentals, Lakeshore	3471
T's Tap, Kelley's	3421
Fro's Pro Shop, Kelley's	3401
Captain's Crew, Kelley's	3265
Fingers, Coloma	3256
Knowles Construction, Lakeshore	3256

Women
Game

Melissa Utter, Lakeshore	299
Kylee Morlock, Coloma	290
Karyn Fricke, Kelley's	287
Tricia Morris, Kelley's	277
Gladys Hunter, Kelley's	269
Pam Head, Kelley's	267
Tiff Moore, Coloma	267
Pinky Pinkerton, Kelley's	267
Jill Wilkens, Lakes	258
Gina Gitchell, Lakeshore	247

Series

Melissa Utter, Lakeshore	756
Kylee Morlock, Coloma	713
Tricia Morris, Kelley's	696
Jill Wilkens, Kelley's	690
Tiff Moore, Coloma	682
Karyn Fricke, Kelley's	681
Gina Gitchell, Lakeshore	672
Gladys Hunter, Kelley's	672
Brenda Webster, Coloma	671
Arica Angelo, Coloma	663

Team (Min. 2000)

Hartwell & Wolf, Lakeshore	2226
Premier Promotions, Lakeshore	2093
Can't Believe Not A Gutter, Kelley's	2065
Knowles Construction, Lakeshore	2043

Close, but no win

Pistons mount comeback, but fall short against Nets

By JEFFREY BERNSTEIN
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Brooklyn Nets had an easy time in their first game this season without Deron Williams — until the last few seconds.

Mason Plumlee scored 10 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter and Brooklyn held off a late rally for a 110-105 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Sunday.

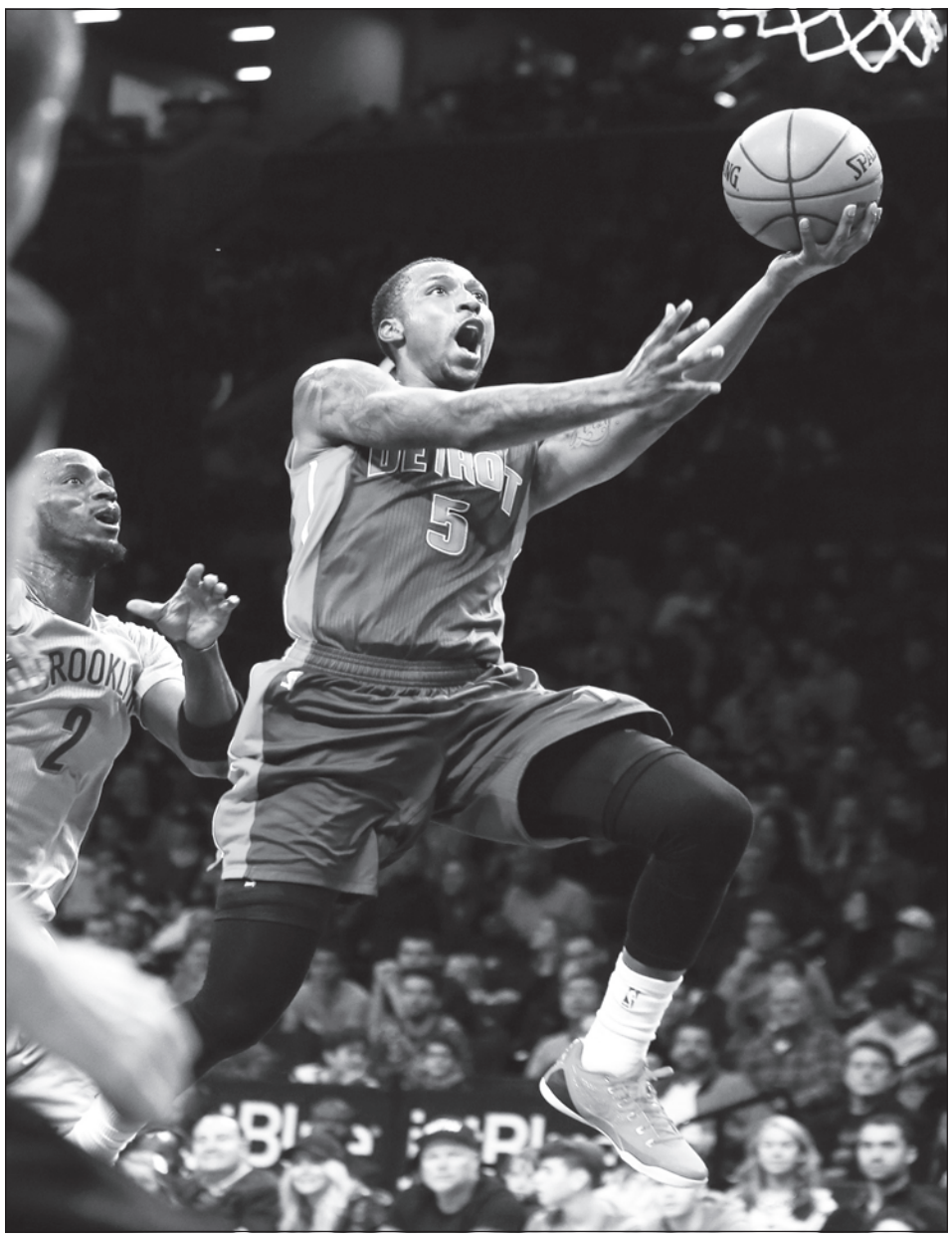
After Mirza Teletovic's layup with 5:31 remaining gave the Nets a seemingly comfortable 98-83 lead, the Pistons pulled to 106-105 on Kentavious Caldwell-Pope's 3-pointer with 9 seconds left.

Joe Johnson, who scored 16 points, followed with two free throws. Caldwell-Pope, who finished with 20 points, then missed on a long 3-pointer and Andre Drummond committed a loose ball foul on the rebound

"Sometimes we get to the point where we try and protect the lead instead of just playing basketball," Johnson said. "We kind of shot ourselves in the foot and let them right back into the game.

Kevin Garnett missed the two ensuing free throws. Josh Smith grabbed the rebound and was immediately fouled by Sergey Karasev.

Smith also missed both free throws, Garnett grabbed another rebound and this time made both for the final score.



Jason DeCrow / AP

Detroit's Kentavious Caldwell-Pope (5) goes to the basket past Brooklyn's Kevin Garnett, left, during the second quarter of Sunday's game.

Jarrett Jack, who replaced the injured Williams, finished with 15 points and contributed 10 assists as the Nets tied a season high with 29 assists.

"I thought the brand of basketball we put out there tonight was very, very contagious," Jack said. "I just thought it was an enjoyable brand of basketball. Obviously, we need to clean up some things at the end."

Williams has a strained right calf.

Plumlee shot 9 of 10 from the field and had 12 rebounds.

"He's going to be a great player. You can see his progress," said Drummond, who finished with 18 points and 20 rebounds. "He played a great game tonight. Brooklyn is utilizing him the right way. He's going to thrive here."

Bojan Bogdanovic had 14 points, Teletovic finished with 13 and Garnett added 10 for the Nets.

Greg Monroe had 16 points, Smith and Jodie Meeks finished with 13, and Jonas Jerebko added 10 for the Pistons.

"Our defense is just not giving us a chance to win games," said coach Stan Van Gundy.

LANCERS

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don't want to, like play a full-court man defense," said Schroeder. "We have to be a good half-court defensive team and we weren't that tonight."

"That's something that hasn't happened for us a lot this season," Holmes said. "Just getting a rebound or a loose ball in that situation is something we've been lacking so far this year but we were able to do that tonight."

Senior guard AJ Atwater led all scorers with 16 points in the game and was one of four Bulldogs to score in double digits. Atwater also made four of his six free throw attempts in the fourth quarter to help put the game on ice.

Senior Chris Pearl added 10 points and had three dunks for Otsego (4-1) while 7-foot center Seth Dugan, who has committed to play for Western Michigan next year, chipped in a double-double with 14 points and 15 rebounds.

"Pearl got the rim and spread the ball well tonight, which makes us tough to guard," Holmes said. "He really shared the ball well."

Jimmy Gathright paced the Lancers with 15 points and Logan Steffes added four 3's but Lakeshore was never able to mount a consistent offensive attack.

"We were very tentative on offense," Schroeder said. "Our first three possessions we shot 3's, which isn't us, and we were very hesitant to attack their zone. We just weren't very good tonight."

The game started off back and forth with each team hitting a 3-point on its opening possession. Lakeshore led 7-6 part way through the first but Otsego then went on a 16-4 run stretching well into the second quarter and Lakeshore never led again.

"Otsego played really, really hard," Schroeder said. "They did the things we were supposed to do as a team and that's very disappointing."

OTSEGO 61, LAKESHORE 50

OTSEGO (61)
Chris Pearl 3 4-6 10, Soloman Barwegen 0 2-3 2, Jordan Owens 5 0-0 12, AJ Atwater 5 4-6 16, Billy Woodhams 2 0-0 5, Seth Dugan 4 5-8 14, Danny Nichols 1 0-0 2. Totals: 20 15-23 61.
LAKESHORE (50)
David Upton 1 0-0 2, Logan Steffes 5 0-0 14, Gibson Archer 1 0-0 2, Rubin Conway 1 0-0 2, Jimmy Gathright 6 1-2 15, Braden Burke 4 3-6 11, Max Gaishin 2 0-0 4. Totals: 20 4-8 50.

Otsego	**15**	**18**	**14**	**14**	**— 61**
Lakeshore	**10**	**8**	**15**	**17**	**— 50**

3-point goals — Otsego 6 (Owens 2, Atwater 2, Woodhams, Robinson), Lakeshore 6 (Steffes 4, Gathright 2). Total fouls — Otsego 10, Lakeshore 18. Technical fouls — none. Fouled out — none. Rebounds — Otsego 25 (Dugan 15), Lakeshore 25.
Records — Otsego 4-1, Lakeshore 3-1.

FOOTBALL

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felt our players were in it to win for four quarters today but I've felt that way throughout the season. That hasn't changed."

Ndamukong Suh had two sacks, and now the playoff-bound Lions (11-4) can wrap up the NFC North title with a win next week against Green Bay. Regardless, the Lions will make their second trip to the postseason in four years and third in 16 years after Philadelphia's loss to Washington on Saturday.

They were hoping to lock up their first division championship since 1993. But with the Packers beating Tampa Bay, the North will be decided in next week's game.

Stafford threw interceptions in the end zone and near the goal line on back-to-back possessions in the second quarter with the Lions leading 7-0.

Jeremy Ross muffed a punt near the end of the first half, leading to a touchdown for Chicago, and center Dominic Raiola stepped on Chicago defensive tackle Ego Ferguson's right ankle while he was on the ground early in the third quarter.

Despite all that, the Lions came away with their highest win total since they went 12-4 in 1991.

Reggie Bush ran for a touchdown and 54 yards. He added 44 yards receiving, and Detroit handed Chicago (5-10) its fourth straight loss.

Clausen completed 23 of 39 passes for 181 yards in his first start since his 2010 rookie season with Carolina. He threw touchdowns to Matt Forte and Alshon Jeffery and played turnover-free ball until a late interception by Glover Quin.

The Bears were leading 14-10 early in the fourth when Tim Jennings bumped Corey Fuller on a deep third-down pass, resulting in a 46-yard interference penalty.

On the next play Bell — who sat out the first quarter after violating unspecified team rules — dodged two defenders and broke a tackle by Brock Vereen for a 17-yard TD that put Detroit up 17-14. Prater added a 30-yard field goal to make it a six-point game with 2:35 remaining.

Prater gave Detroit a 10-7 lead with a 39-yard field goal on the opening drive of the second half. But the Bears answered with an 80-yard touchdown drive. Clausen capped it by lofting a 20-yard pass over Darius Slay to Jeffery in the end zone, giving Chicago its first lead at 14-10 with 2:45 left in the third.

The Bears' Jeremiah Ratliff blocked a 37-yard field goal by Prater early in the fourth, keeping it a four-point game.

The Lions might have run away with this one if not for Stafford's interceptions in the second quarter and a muffed punt by Ross that led to an 11-yard touchdown catch by Forte with 30 seconds left in the first half. But if Detroit let up knowing that it clinched a playoff spot, Stafford did not see it that way.

"We came out with great energy," he said. "We moved the ball the whole day. We weren't stagnant."

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night.

"Defensively, even if we gave up 30 shots, it was back-to-back games," Avalanche coach Patrick Roy said. "I thought, under the circumstances, we performed pretty well."

Mrazek had 22 saves through overtime. Pickard finished with 34.

"I think we created 35 shots," Detroit captain Henrik Zetterberg said. "There's a lot of chances that we thought the puck was going in but (Pickard) came up and made the saves."

Colorado had the best chance in overtime when Brad Stuart found himself 10 feet from Mrazek but the goalie made a pad save.

Colorado's Maxime Talbot received a high-sticking, double-minor penalty late in the first period, but the Red Wings were unable to take advantage of the power play.

Red Wings coach Mike Babcock put Datsyuk back together with former linemate Zetterberg, who got his 22nd assist on the third-period goal. The duo skated with wing Justin Abdelkader.

The line nearly got a second goal late in the third when Zetterberg got a pass from Datsyuk near the net but shot wide. The duo had a combined 11 shots in regulation and overtime.

Four of Detroit's last five home losses have been in shootouts. Babcock admitted he was getting tired of seeing his team get better chances in regulation before heading to the tiebreaker.

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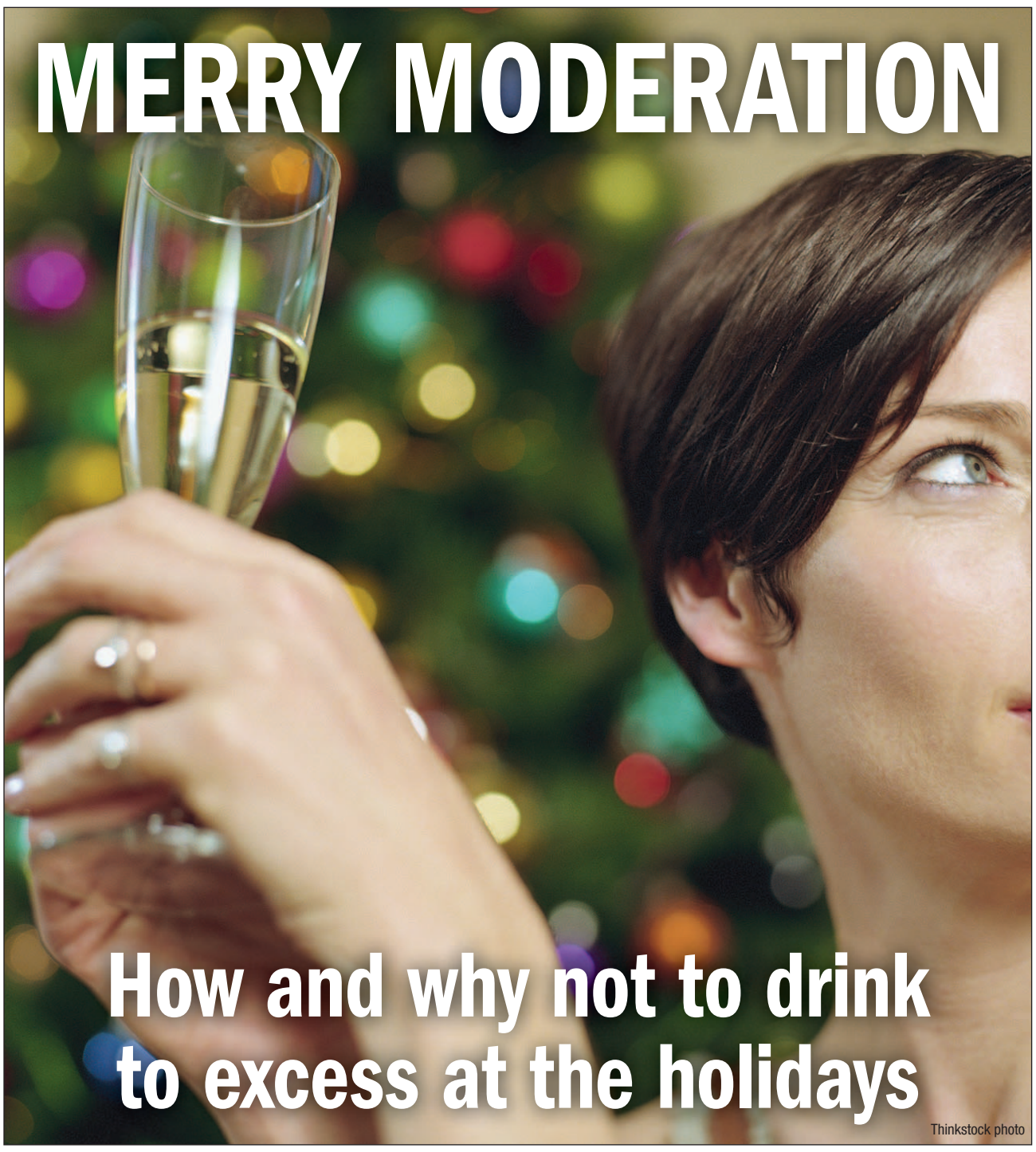

How and why not to drink to excess at the holidays

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By DANIELLE BRAFF
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

Whether it's a few mugs of mulled wine at Christmas or a couple of bottles of Champagne at New Year's or some wine in between, the holidays aren't known as a time of alcoholic restraint.

A recent Harris Interactive survey showed that a whopping 96 percent of respondents went to work hung over after a holiday party or knew someone who did, and 40 percent of people said they, their friends and their family use the holidays as an excuse to drink.

But even with this kind of bingeing, a new study released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 90 percent of these kinds of drinkers aren't alcoholics and aren't alcohol-dependent.

Nevertheless, men who have 15 or more drinks weekly and women who have eight or more drinks per week are considered heavy drinkers, and that still isn't healthy even without dependency, as pointed out by the authors of the study. They recommend cutting back.

"There's a huge upswing in binge drinking, and it's a problem," said George Koob, director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. "With the holidays, we often take drinks in things like eggnog, so you don't notice the alcohol. You need to be aware of the alcohol quantity."

That's not to say that everyone needs to become a teetotaler.

"If you're doing quarter pints and someone else is doing full pints, then that's fine," Koob said of those who are trying to cut down on their alcohol intake.

The key is learning how to stop and when to stop – and knowing how to ease up on drinking so you still can have a great time without overdoing it.

"We do not want to recognize that we have lost control. At the same time, we are facing a massive cultural distortion that tells us we don't have limits," said Stephanie Brown, founder and director of The Addictions Institute in California. "We are in a wild, out-of-control era in which we tell ourselves we are entitled to have whatever we want whenever we want it without any consequences."

Brown suggests drinking water or nonalcoholic beverages along with alcoholic drinks, though she also said that if you want to drink less – or if someone else is concerned about the amount you're drinking – this may be a red flag even if you're taking steps to control it.

If you're planning on sticking with the same drinks or cocktails that you always drink, you could try drinking them later in the day or wait until later at the party to start, Brown said.

It's all about reducing the maximum breath-alcohol level one gets to, said Damaris Rohsenow, professor and associate director at the Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies at Brown University.

"The problems – social, behavioral, health – tend to arise from quantity of drinking rather than frequency," Rohsenow said. "A person can have one or two drinks a day every day and be unlikely to experience problems."

So, Rohsenow said, after a few drinks, you could switch to soda to keep that blood alcohol level down.

But really, anything that keeps blood alcohol to a point where you're not impaired is a good idea.

"It doesn't matter how you mix it up," Koob said.

One way to figure out if you have a problem with alcohol is to see if, at any one time, you drink more than you plan to drink. So if you had planned to have two drinks, then to switch to something with less alcohol or no alcohol but instead continued drinking the same drinks, you may have a problem, Rohsenow said.

In addition to drinking more than you had planned, Rohsenow said, these are the red flags for diagnosing a problem. Do you:

- Have a strong desire to cut down or quit but can't?
- Spend a lot of time recovering from drinking?
- Let alcohol use interfere with obligations at home, work or school?
- Experience a harmful effect on home life because of your alcohol use?
- Repeatedly have problems with friends or family because of alcohol and continue to drink anyway?

Remember that even a little alcohol can impair driving. Let you holidays be merry, not scary, and let the nondrinkers drive.

Tracing the roots of teen anxiety

By MONTE MORIN
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

The teenage years are awkward for everyone, but some adolescents experience more anxiety than most when it comes to social interactions.

Fear and dread over reading aloud in class, playing sports, speaking in public, or attending dances and parties may be signs of a social anxiety disorder – one of the most common psychiatric disorders among children and adolescents, researchers say.

While social anxiety disorder affects between 6 percent and 18 percent of children and adolescents, researchers are still attempting to identify early predictors of the condition.

This week, the journal Child Development published a paper that suggested early interactions between an infant and his or her caregiver, as well as early childhood shyness, may forecast a teenage anxiety disorder, especially in boys.

The study found that children who were insecurely attached to their parents as infants, and whose behavior was inhibited throughout their childhood, were more likely to report higher levels of anxiety in social situations as teens.

"The cost of persistent shyness may be greater for boys than for girls in terms of psychosocial functioning, given that this behavior violates societal expectations to a greater extent when it occurs in males than in females," wrote lead author Erin Lewis-Morrarty, a child development researcher at the University of Maryland, and her colleagues.

Behavioral inhibition is when a young child will consistently withdraw or react negatively to unfamiliar situations, objects and people. While such inhibition occurs in 15 percent to 20 percent of all children, and is a risk factor for social anxiety disorder, inhibition alone does not mean a child will develop social anxiety as a teen, researchers say.

However, researchers say that when someone is insecurely attached to a parent as an infant and also shows behavioral inhibition as a young child, he or she reports experiencing more anxiety as a teen.

Child behaviorists attempt to classify an infant's attachment to its caregiver through an assessment called the "strange situation procedure."

During the test, the infant's response to its surroundings and a parent is observed after they are placed in an unfamiliar room together and the child is introduced to a stranger and new objects. At one point the mother will leave the room and return after a short period of time.

More than half of the infants that undergo the strange situation will explore their surroundings and, if they become anxious, will be calmed by the parent's return to the room.

Others, however, will behave in a way that suggests an insecure attachment to their parent. Those behaviors include ignoring their caregiver when they return, becoming angry with their caregiver or failing to be calmed when they return.

"We found a specific positive association between consistently high behavioral inhibition in childhood and adolescent anxiety symptoms only among those with insecure attachment in infancy," the authors wrote.

The researchers' findings were based on a longitudinal study of 165 white, middle- to upper-middle-class children who were followed from infancy to age 14 or 17.

Study authors wrote that while their results confirmed their hypothesis, more research must be done to establish a connection. They noted also that the research was limited by the fact that it focused solely on white children.

A fresh setback for efforts to cure HIV infection

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

Researchers are reporting another disappointment for efforts to cure infection with the AIDS virus. Six patients given blood-cell transplants similar to one that cured a man known as "the Berlin patient" have failed, and all six patients died.

So far, Timothy Ray Brown, a U.S. man treated in Germany, remains the only person thought to have been cured of infection with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Brown also had leukemia, and had a bone marrow transplant in 2007 to treat the cancer from a donor with a gene mutation that confers natural resistance to HIV.

A year later, Brown's leukemia returned but his HIV did not. He had a second transplant in March 2008 from the same donor and appears to be free of both diseases since then, said the physician who treated him, Dr. Gero Huetter of the University of Berlin.

In a research letter in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, Huetter tells of six other patients with HIV and various blood cancers who received similar transplants. He advised on some of the cases but did not perform the transplants.

One of the six patients was from Minneapolis. Two were from Germany and the others were from the Netherlands, Chile and Spain.

In some, there were signs that HIV had found another way into cells to overcome the natural resistance the donors had.

"That is disappointing ... we always knew that was a risk," but it should not doom efforts to cure HIV infection through other means, said Dr. Steven Deeks, an AIDS specialist at the University of California, San Francisco.

Books to fill you up with healthful information

By BARBARA QUINN
The Monterey County Herald (TNS)

Want to give the gift of nutrition this Christmas? Here's a sampling of useful books from reliable sources:

"Diabetes Meal Planning & Nutrition for Dummies," Toby Smithson and Alan L. Rubin; John Wiley & Sons, 2014. Simplified meal planning for people with diabetes. Includes recipes and instructions on how to put simple meals together that meet diabetes guidelines.

"The Complete Guide to Carb Counting, 3rd Edition," Hope S. Warshaw and Karmeen Kulkarni; 2011. Counting carbohydrates is a valid technique to help people with diabetes control blood sugars. Written by two registered dietitians and diabetes educators, this book explains how sugars and starches can fit healthfully into a diabetes meal plan. Available through the American Diabetes Association, www.shopdiabetes.org.

"The I Love Trader Joe's Vegetarian Cookbook," Chris Holechek Peters; Ulysses Press, 2012. For the vegan and vegetarian on your list, this handy book features 150 recipes made with foods from Trader Joe's. Easy to make recipes such as Great Green Smoothie and (my favorite) Baked Herbed Garlic Polenta Fries. Nutrient information is not provided but recipes do indicate those that fit into the vegan and/or gluten-free categories.

"The Calories IN Calories OUT Cookbook," Catherine Jones and Elaine Trujillo; The Experiment, 2014. For the calorie-counter on your list, this book features 200 nutrient-rich recipes tailored for busy families and individuals. Recipes include nutrition information plus diabetic carb counting/exchanges.

"Celiac Disease Nutrition Guide, 3rd edition," Tricia Thompson; Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 2014. A valuable resource for those with celiac disease or gluten-sensitivity. Information on planning meals with gluten-free foods, restaurant dining, and ways to avoid cross-contamination in your home kitchen. Available at www.eatright.org.

"Nutrition Concepts and Controversies," Frances Sienkiewicz Sizer and Eleanor Noss Whitney; Wadsworth, Cengage Learning, 2014. For the serious nutrition student on your list. Presents difficult and often misunderstood nutrition topics within the realm of solid nutrition science. One of my favorite go-to books.

"Nancy Clark's Sports Nutrition Guidebook, 5th edition," Nancy Clark; Human Kinetics, 2014. Latest update on this classic nutrition and sports resource. Features meal planning and training guides for the serious competitive athlete.

"Endurance Sports Nutrition, 3rd edition," Suzanne Girard Eberle; Human Kinetics, 2014. For your favorite marathoner. This book also includes meal planning ideas for vegetarian athletes and those with food allergies and intolerances.

"Help! My Underwear is Shrinking, revised," Jo Ann Hattner and Ann Coulston and E. Michael Goodkind; 2013. Respected nutrition professionals have updated one woman's story of how to eat right, lose weight and win the battle against diabetes. Includes sample menus and is also available in Spanish. Available at www.helpmyunderwearisshrinking.com.

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- 8:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. Saturday, Niles Area Donor Site-Martin's Super Markets, bus, 720 S. 11th St., Niles.

Donors must be at least 16 years old in Michigan with parental consent, weigh 110 pounds and be in general good health.

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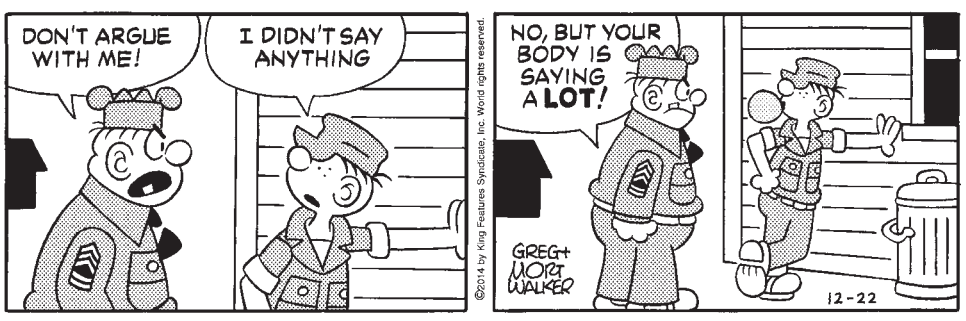
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I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING
NO, BUT YOUR BODY IS SAYING A LOT!
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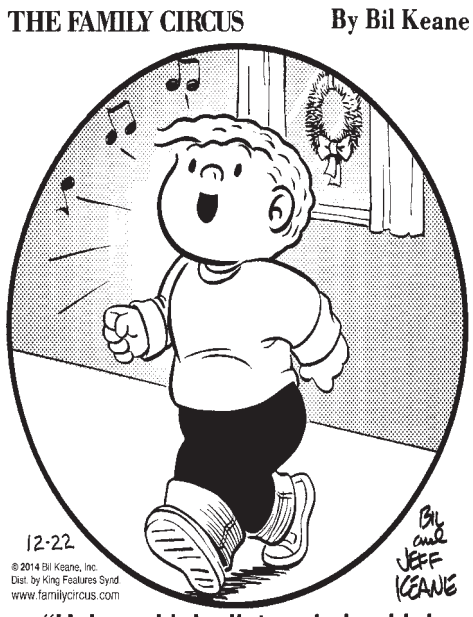
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"He's makin' a list and checkin' his wife..."

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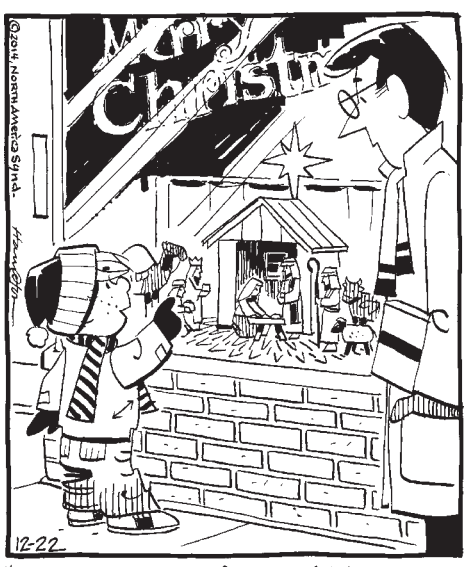

"CAMELS, COWS AN' SHEEP! WHERE ARE THE *REINDEER*?"

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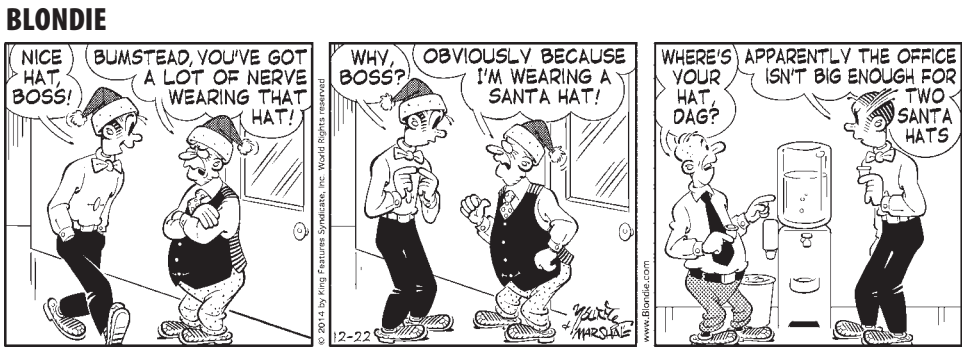
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WHY, BOSS?
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WHERE'S YOUR HAT, DAG?
APPARENTLY THE OFFICE ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR TWO SANTA HATS
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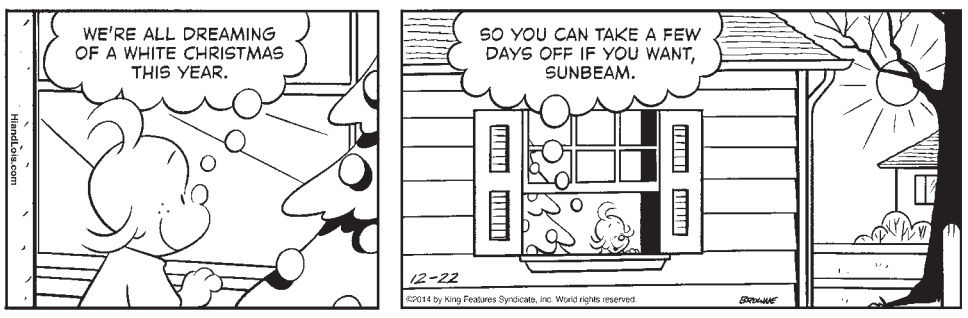
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SO YOU CAN TAKE A FEW DAYS OFF IF YOU WANT, SUNBEAM.
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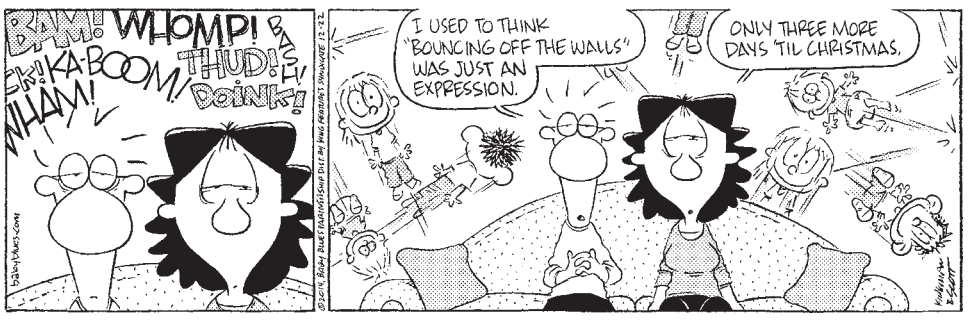
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I USED TO THINK "BOUNCING OFF THE WALLS" WAS JUST AN EXPRESSION.
ONLY THREE MORE DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS.

BC

HE KNOWS WHEN YOU ARE SLEEPING... HE KNOWS WHEN YOU'RE AWAKE...
HE KNOWS WHEN YOU'VE BEEN BAD OR GOOD, SO BE GOOD FOR GOODNESS' SAKE.
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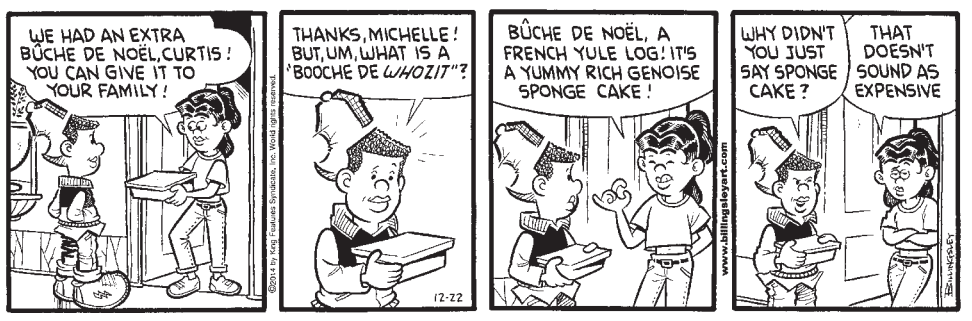
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THANKS, MICHELLE! BUT, UM, WHAT IS A "BOOCHE DE *WHOZIT*"?
BÛCHE DE NOËL, A FRENCH YULE LOG! IT'S A YUMMY RICH GENOISE SPONGE CAKE!
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY SPONGE CAKE?
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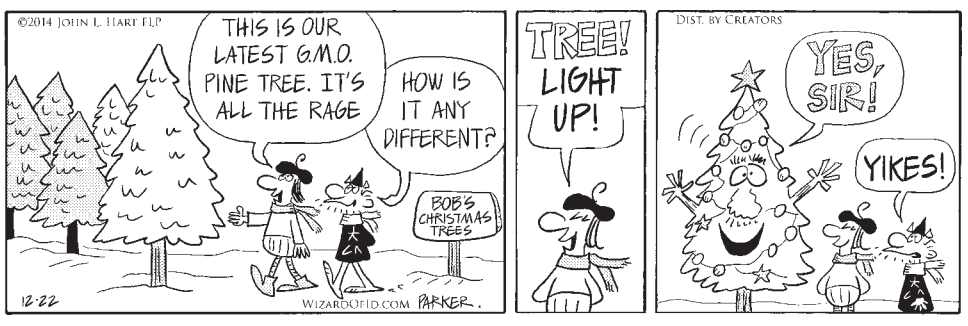

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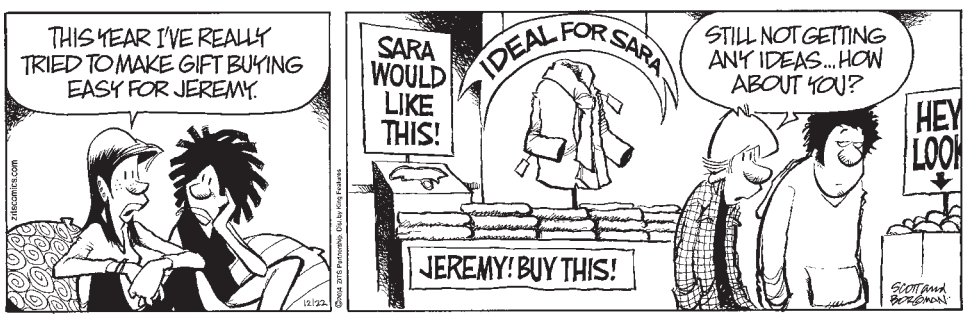
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SARA WOULD LIKE THIS!
IDEAL FOR SARA
STILL NOT GETTING ANY IDEAS... HOW ABOUT YOU?
HEY LOOK
JEREMY! BUY THIS!
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DILBERT

YOU NEED TO SHOW MORE LEADERSHIP ON YOUR PROJECT.
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY LEADERSHIP IS THE PROBLEM? MAYBE THE TEAM MEMBERS ARE BAD FOLLOWERS.
IT'S YOUR JOB TO FIX IT EITHER WAY.
THE WAY YOU JUST FIXED ME WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP?
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

IT'S TIME TO GET OUR BOUNTY!
WAIT! IT'S CHRISTMAS SEASON!
IT'S A TIME TO GIVE!
WE'LL GIVE YOU 30 SECONDS TO SURRENDER!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

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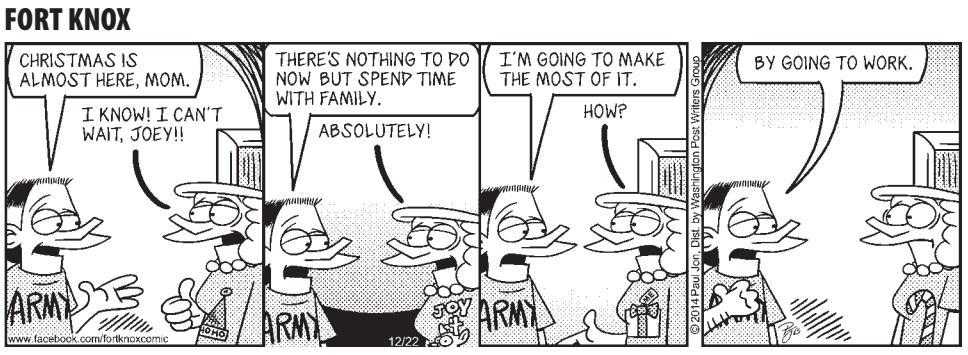
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I KNOW! I CAN'T WAIT, JOEY!!
THERE'S NOTHING TO DO NOW BUT SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY.
ABSOLUTELY!
I'M GOING TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT.
HOW?
BY GOING TO WORK.
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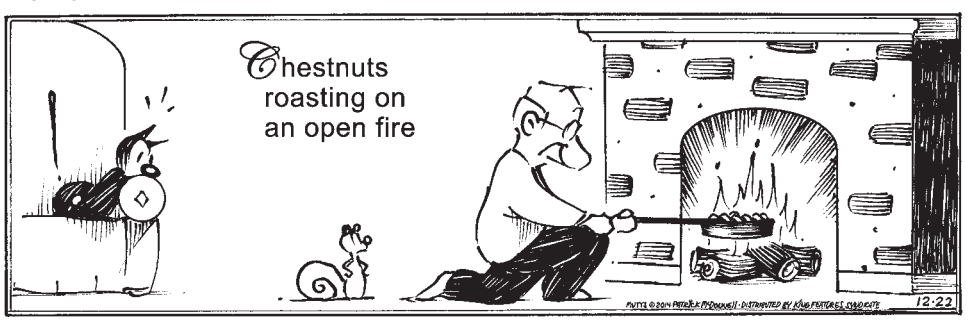

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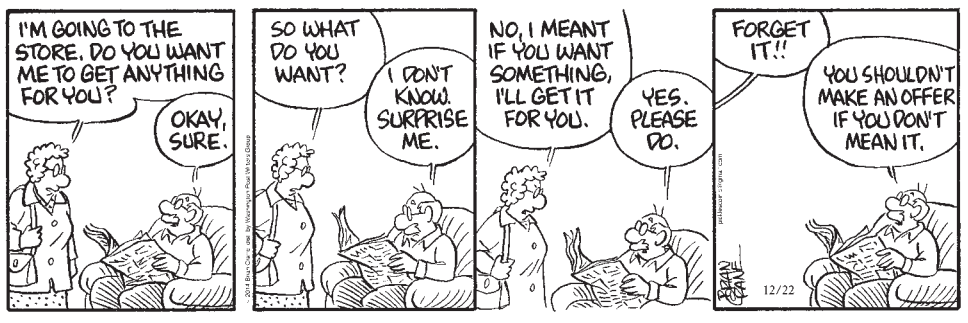
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OKAY, SURE.
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I DON'T KNOW. SURPRISE ME.
NO, I MEANT IF YOU WANT SOMETHING, I'LL GET IT FOR YOU.
YES. PLEASE DO.
FORGET IT!!
YOU SHOULDN'T MAKE AN OFFER IF YOU DON'T MEAN IT.
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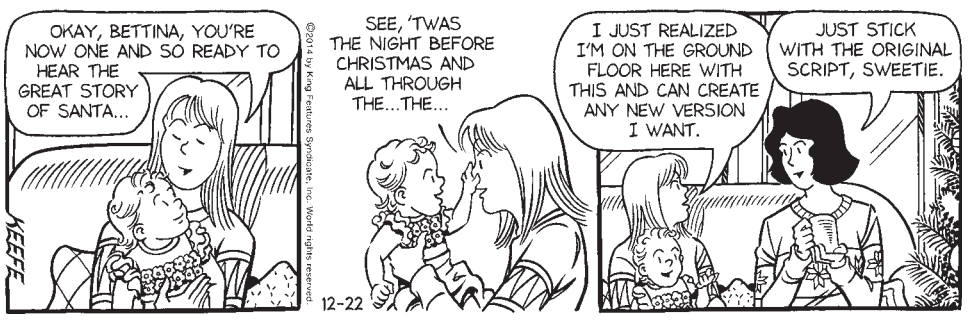
OKAY, BETTINA, YOU'RE NOW ONE AND SO READY TO HEAR THE GREAT STORY OF SANTA...
KEEFE
SEE, 'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND ALL THROUGH THE...THE...
I JUST REALIZED I'M ON THE GROUND FLOOR HERE WITH THIS AND CAN CREATE ANY NEW VERSION I WANT.
JUST STICK WITH THE ORIGINAL SCRIPT, SWEETIE.
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2014 frustrates U.S. hopes for Israeli-Palestinian peace

By LARA JAKES
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State John Kerry is ending 2014 much in the same way he started it, frustrated in efforts to push Israel and Palestinians toward peace.

With a diplomatic showdown looming this past week over Arab plans to force Israel from occupied Palestinian lands within three years, Kerry prepared for a quick trip to Jordan in hopes of finding a calmer alternative.

By Thursday, the crisis appeared to have been averted when Palestinian and Jordanian officials said they would not push their resolution to an immediate vote in the U.N. Security Council, partly because the U.S. threatened a veto.

The fast-moving political drama was a small, if temporary, victory for America's chief diplomat in his quest to end generations of fighting and tensions between Israelis and Palestinians. But it also showed how unlikely it is that Kerry can help restart peace talks soon, much less achieve the lasting truce he long has hoped to arrange.

"If people come together, work together, exert an effort to try to find the common ground here, I'm confident that the people of Israel are as interested in peace as are the people in Palestine, in the West Bank, in Jordan, and in the region," Kerry said recently.

"But this is not the moment to opine on that process," Kerry said.

Last January, Kerry was immersed in the latest round of peace talks that were set to expire in late April. He started the year on a plane to Jerusalem, where he was greeted by Palestinian protests, threats of new Israeli settlement construction and criticism from U.S. officials over how the Obama administration was handling the delicate negotiations.

The hits kept coming.

Even as he urged both sides to resist tit-for-tat barbs, Kerry was lambasted by Israel's defense minister as "obsessive" and "messianic" and accused of ignoring demands that Palestinian officials said had to be part of a final deal.

He pushed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to uphold a pledge to release Palestinian prisoners, but to no avail. He prodded Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to consider recognizing Israel as a Jewish state, but was soundly rejected.

In the end, disputes over territorial borders, security, refugees and the fate of Jerusalem could not be settled. The final breakdown was set into motion when Israel moved ahead with plans to build settlement units in an area of east Jerusalem that Palestinians consider their territory.

"And, poof, that was sort of the moment," Kerry told a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing in early April, just weeks before a deadline for a framework plan toward a final peace deal.

Soon afterward, Abbas agreed to form a unity government with Palestinian political rival Hamas, which Israel and the U.S. consider a terrorist organization. Israel angrily cut off the peace negotiations.

It only got worse.

The Obama administration had warned that the aborted peace talks could lead to a new Palestinian uprising. By summer, violence began to spiral with the kidnapping and deaths of three Israeli teenagers, allegedly by Hamas. That was followed by a suspected revenge killing of 16-year-old Palestinian youth by Israeli extremists.

The stage was set for a 50-day war in the Gaza Strip, which Hamas controls. The fighting killed at least 2,100 Palestinians and 72 people from Israel.

At the height of the war in early August, when Kerry was traveling in India, he tried to arrange a cease-fire. He even called a middle-of-the-night news conference in New Delhi to announce that an agreement had been reached. That cease-fire fell apart in less than two hours.

Netanyahu gruffly advised Kerry "not to ever second-guess me again" on trying to force a truce.

Israel and Hamas agreed to an open-ended cease-fire largely brokered by Egypt later in August.

But tensions between Israel and Palestinians remained high, and spiked last month.

Evan Vucci / AP

Secretary of State, John Kerry met with Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at Villa Taverna in Rome earlier this month. Kerry is ending 2014 much the same way he started it: Frustrated.

Rachel La Corte / AP

Protesters hold a U.S. flag during a protest in the Little Havana neighborhood of Miami, on Saturday More than 200 protesters rallied in opposition to President Barack Obama's plan to normalize relations with Cuba.

Obama says U.S. can work to influence new generation in Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said his plan to normalize relations with Cuba gives the U.S. a chance to influence events at an important moment of change for the communist nation, and he brushed off critics who accuse him of kowtowing to dictators.

Obama said a half-century of trying to push out the Castro government through isolation has not worked. He said his administration is taking a look at whether to remove Cuba from the U.S. list of state sponsors of terror, acknowledging that Havana's inclusion makes it difficult for the U.S. to pursue closer ties.

"If we engage, we have the opportunity to influence the course of events at a time when there's going to be some generational change in that country," Obama told CNN's "State of the Union" in an interview set to air Sunday. "And I think we should seize it and I intend to do so."

Obama's move to restore diplomatic relations with Cuba elicited cheers from longtime opponents of the strict U.S. position toward Cuba. But his announcement last week also drew fierce opposition, including from some U.S. lawmakers in both parties who said Obama failed to win any commitments from Cuba to democratize before the easing of U.S. penalties and travel restrictions.

On Saturday, Cuban opposition leaders in Miami joined Cuban-American politicians and activists, pledging to oppose Obama's plan.

Cuban President Raul Castro, speaking to his National Assembly, said that Cuba would not renounce its communist system despite the normalization of ties with the U.S. He paraded three convicted spies just released from U.S. prison, and they shook their fists in victory in front of parliament.

Obama said it's wrong to accuse him of letting dictators outmaneuver him, citing Russian President Vladimir Putin as an example. After all, Russia's currency is now collapsing under the weight of U.S. and European penalties, he pointed out.

"There is this knee-jerk sense, I think, on the part of some in the foreign policy establishment that, you know, shooting first and thinking about it second projects strength," Obama said.

"We have been very firm with respect to those countries that we think are violating international law or are acting against our interests. But I have been consistent in saying that where we can solve problems diplomatically, we should do so."

Pakistan makes arrests in Taliban school carnage

By ZARAR KHAN
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Authorities made several arrests in the case of the Taliban school attack that killed 148 in the northwestern city of Peshawar, on Sunday, officials said.

"Quite a few suspects who were facilitators in one way or the other have been taken into custody," Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said, adding that the interrogations were "moving ahead in a positive manner." He did not disclose their identities or say how many they were.

Seven Taliban gunmen wearing explosives belts stunned the world on Tuesday by storming into the military run school and slaughtering 148 people, including 132 students. Another nearly 121 students were wounded in the ensuing eight-hour siege of the school, located in an area where many military families live.

The group claims it fights to establish a ruling system based on its own harsh brand of Islam. It has killed thousands over nearly a decade.

The Taliban say they attacked the school in revenge for an army operation against them in North Waziristan, launched in mid-June. The army says it has so far killed over 1,200 militants in the operation.

The government bombed the militants' hideouts in country's tribal area along the Afghan border in response, and also lifted a ban on the execution of convicted terrorists.

Over the weekend, it executed six men convicted on terrorism charges.

Two of the convicts were hanged Friday, and another four on Sunday, according to two Pakistani government officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters.

All six belonged to local Pakistani militant groups who had turned against the state, and were convicted for involvement in two attempts to assassinate former President Pervez Musharraf. One was also convicted of leading a militant siege of Pakistani army headquarters in garrison city of Rawalpindi in 2009.

Local militants have threatened attacks to avenge the hanged men.

Khan, the minister, said Pakistan was at war with the militants. He appealed to the nation to help authorities in a countrywide crackdown on the insurgents.

Haiti names interim prime minister

By JACQUELINE CHARLES
Miami Herald

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Minister of Health Florence Duperval Guillaume has been designated interim prime minister to replace Laurent Lamothe, who resigned a week ago Saturday.

Guillaume's designation was announced in an email signed by Enex Jean-Charles, the secretary of the council of ministers, that was circulated among Cabinet members late Saturday and early Sunday. Jean-Charles confirmed the news to the Herald.

As the minister of health, Guillaume,a physician by training, has been leading the transformation of the country's health ministry, which is the only Haitian ministry that receives some direct U.S. funding.

Over the past eight years, Haiti has had major improvements in maternal and child health, and in efforts to curb HIV/AIDS and cholera, Guillaume said in a recent Herald interview.

She is overseeing the reconstruction of the country's main public hospital, which was heavily damaged in the Jan. 12, 2010 earthquake. The hospital's construction is being financed by France, the United States and the Haitian government.

Her temporary appointment comes as President Michel Martelly continues to meet with opposition groups to negotiate a new government while seeking to stem a worsening political crisis by implementing the recommendations of a report by a presidential commission.

The commission recommended a series of far-reaching measures, including the resignation of Lamothe, in hope of preventing a deepening of the political crisis, which has led to growing anti-government protests throughout the country.

The U.S. State Department has said that it supports the commission's recommendations.

Since his 2011 election, Martelly has been at loggerheads with the opposition, which has accused him of corruption and violating the constitution. On the streets, protesters complain that life is becoming tougher despite new roads, buildings under construction and the many official overseas trips in private jets.

U.S. sends four Afghans back home from Guantanamo

By NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said Saturday that four Afghans from the Guantanamo Bay detention center have been returned to their home country in what U.S. officials are citing as a sign of their confidence in new Afghan President Ashraf Ghani.

Obama administration officials said they worked quickly to fulfil the request from Ghani, in office just three months, to return the four, who had been cleared for transfer as a kind of reconciliation and mark of improved U.S.-Afghan relations.

There is no requirement that the Afghan government further detain the men, identified as Mohammed Zahir, Shawali Khan, Abdul Ghani and Khi Ali Gul. Afghanistan's High Peace Council, a government-appointed group, confirmed the transfer, but did not identify the men, saying that the four "will be reunited soon with their families."

The council also requested the repatriation of the eight Afghans who are among the 132 detainees remaining at Guantanamo.

The U.S. Embassy in Kabul, the Afghan capital, said in a statement that it had "full confidence in the Afghan government's ability to mitigate any threats these individuals may pose and to ensure that they are given humane treatment." The transfer "demonstrates Afghan sovereignty and U.S. trust in the strength of Afghan government institutions," according to the statement.

The move is the latest in a series of transfers during the past two months. President Barack Obama has been pushing to reduce the number of detainees as he tries to make progress toward his goal of closing the globally condemned detention center for suspected terrorists.

Administration officials, speaking on a condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to discuss the matter publicly, say more transfers are expected in the coming weeks.

Guantanamo now holds the lowest number of detainees since shortly after it opened nearly 13 years ago in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Those remaining include 64 approved for transfer.

Although the four Afghans have long been approved for transfer, the move sparked debate in Washington. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel did not immediately sign off after Gen. John F. Campbell, the top American commander in Afghanistan, raised concerns they could pose a danger to troops in the country. Administration officials say Campbell and all military leaders on the ground have now screened the move.

"The United States is grateful to the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan for its willingness to support ongoing U.S. efforts to close the Guantanamo Bay detention facility," the Pentagon said in a statement. "The United States coordinated with the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to ensure these transfers took place consistent with appropriate security and humane treatment measures."

One administration official involved in the review said most, if not all, the terrorism accusations against the men had been discarded and each is considered a low-level operative at best.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
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Allyson Holm, City Clerk

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

You have the strength, stamina and ability to get everything you want this year. You will instinctively know when to take action and initiate necessary changes. A confrontation with an opponent will temporarily throw you off course, but you will emerge the winner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Practicality and common sense must be parts of your game plan. Frivolous spending will not buy happiness or set your mind at ease when the bills start rolling in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Keep a close watch on your finances. This is not a good time to lend or borrow money. You will regret it if you allow anyone to take advantage of you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's OK to take part in festivities, but remember to keep your professional aspirations in mind. It's possible that you will meet someone who could give your career a boost.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An interesting offer will come with delays. Keep all of the details on hand so you can act when the timing is right. Take extra precautions while traveling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Preparation when applied to an innovative idea will prove profitable. Brush up on marketing and sales techniques in order to find a way to make your plans come to life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The hectic pace that accompanies the end of the year will take its toll on your health. Take some time for personal pleasures and pampering and you will feel ready to take on the world.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will run yourself ragged trying to find the perfect gift for someone you love. Giving your time and attention to someone special is more important than anything you could buy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Get together with friends to enjoy the spirit of the season. When planning group events, remember to include elderly or ailing relatives whom you don't see very often.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You and a loved one are likely to feel stressed and emotional. Devote time for just the two of you to reconnect and reflect on your relationship.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your home environment will not be relaxing today. Getting out and keeping busy will provide some time away from the tension building up between the people you reside with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Plan to have fun with friends and neighbors. Your busy schedule must not stop you from taking part in activities that could help you form a closer bond with the people you value most.

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Case Number 2015-01-01

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The Planning Commission will hear comments on the request of Anthony Moss for a Special Land Use to operate a vintage automobile storage facility with indoor showroom for display and consignment sales at 16175 Red Arrow Highway, Union Pier, Michigan 49129 being parcel number 11-13-0336-0016-00-7.

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Estelle Brinkman
Building & Zoning Department Administrator
17651 US 12
New Buffalo, Michigan 49117
1-269-469-3112
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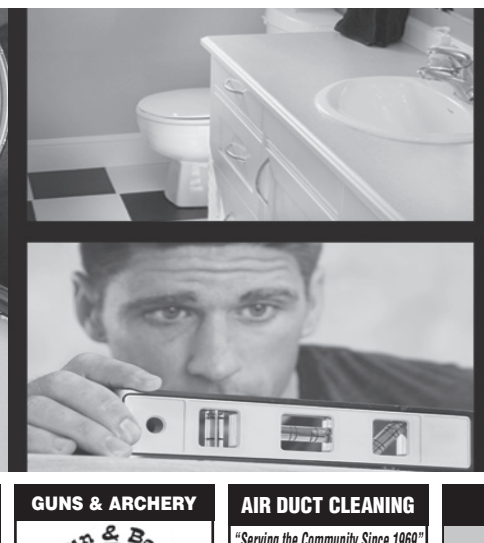

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